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OUR DUBLIN LETTER.

More Frivolities—A Command Night at the Theatre Royal—A Dinner in Undress—The Song of the Glass and a Vice Regal Banquet—Some Celebrities and a Rumor that Arose.

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Do you care to hear anything more of amusements, and frivolities? Will you play the part of Barmecide to my feasts and flammeries? I hope that the western wind whispers, yes, as answer, for I mean to make this letter up of one theatrical performance and two dinners which it will be my object to so set before you that you may taste a little of their flavor though the Atlantic Ocean lies between. Nor should you deem this presumption of mine, for it is not that I regard my own powers of description highly, but that I think there is so much spirit and magnetism about an Irish dinner that, like Professor Loomis' telegraph, it needs no wire to enable it to defy space and distance, though indeed some of the spirit, notably Irish whisky, would find difficulties, such as consular certificates and custom duties in the way, which Professor Loomis, by soaring from mountain tops, escapes.

But before we come to the dinners, let me take you to the Theatre Royal. Last Saturday was devoted by the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Spencer, and Lady Spencer, as a "command night," so called, because they are supposed to select the play and command it to be played, and to attend the performance with all the Vice-Regal household in full court uniform. This sort of thing takes place several times a year in consideration for some advantages conferred on the theatre by the Government. On Saturday last, as I have said, there was a command night. Mr. T. C. King and his daughter are the stars now playing there, and the play selected was Lord Lytton's "Money." The house was crowded, the dress circle brilliant with the court uniforms and full dress of civilians, the galleries and pit thronged, the Lord Lieutenant wearing the stars and ribbons of the garter and St. Patrick, Lady Spencer brilliantly beautiful and gorgeously attired, the aides de camp in scarlet, and the gentlemen of the household in the center of the house, and then the curtain rises, showing the whole company in full dress. The orchestra strikes up, and "God save the Queen" is sung. And then ensues the scene for which I brought you here, the eminently Irish scene, characteristic of this disunited country. The Lord Lieutenant and his party, and all the well dressed portion of the audience rose to their feet as soon as the national anthem began; then a solitary hiss was heard from the gallery, which soon swelled into a sibilant. For a moment the house is taken by surprise, and the hundreds of hissers have their own way, but these who are loyal to the Queen and the grand old anthem, and who seem to be crowded into the pit, raise a shout, cheer after cheer arises, and though the hissers work manfully, the cheers win the day, and after some moments the disaffected give in, and the anthem is suffered to proceed; but not until "St. Patrick's Day" had also been sung, did their excitements all down, and while the battle was raging between the pit and the gallery skirmishes were taking place in the former. "Take off your hat!" shouted a young officer to a defiant disloyal fellow who refused to uncover to the anthem. "Dashed if I do!" was the reply. "Then off with your hat to the Queen, sir!" "Dash the Queen." But the officer only seized the hat and dashed it to the ground, and a neighboring policeman recommended the complaining sufferer not to put it on again, and he followed the excellent advice.

Of the play I shall say nothing. Every one knows Bulwer's plays, and there was nothing about this performance to distinguish it from others.

And now let us go to one of the dinners of which I spoke in the beginning, one which I think may be taken as a type of the most thoroughly hearty hospitality that is to be found in this Irish capital. Our host is a writer of tales and author of more than a score of successful farces. He is not at all a rich man, but lives in a quiet way in one of the newer streets, half suburban, which are so plentiful on the southeastern side of the city. He receives us in his drawing room, and with him is his father, a fine old gentlemen of eighty. The company begins to arrive, and is composed wholly of gentlemen, though of all ages and creeds. Here is Father O., the Rev. Dr. A., Mr. Alderman B., Sir John C., two or three Fellows of Trinity, and a few private unofficial gentlemen. A more unpromising lot to weld together you never saw, but in Ireland one mustn't judge by sight. Dinner is announced. It is an old fashioned one, carved on the table and, being leat and the host a Roman Catholic, there is neither soup nor fish. We all do justice to the dinner before us, especially the Alderman sitting next to me, I think. The second course comes on. I help myself; the Alderman declines, he gazes at me and sighs: "Ah, young man, you can eat and me, you are young, but," and he smiles sadly and shakes his head, "you blind, young man, I can drink you blind." Just imagine the effect of this upon me, coming as it did from a staid, gravelooking white-headed man, who was a stranger. All this while conversation is brisk in spite of the consumption of victuals, and people have settled down together amazingly. Champagne and sherry have been doing that; but the real Irish fun of the evening does not begin until the cloth is removed, and the whisky and hot water and sugar are started on their endless journeys around the table. Then it is that merriment begins. Father O. is induced to sing a melody, and it is one of Moore's, sung in a sweet, mellow tenor. Sir John, amongst the oldest man in the room, a garrulous wreck of one of the most brilliant men of the passing generation, waves his hand to begin a speech, but the anxious host hurriedly calls upon the Rev. Chancellor for a recitation, and he gives us the "Dying Believer to His Soul," a most comical parody of the way the great elocutionist "does" the Vital Spark business. Again Sir John is willing to speak, but again the impending speech is averted by a quiet looking little gentleman, who sings the last verse of "Up it is, the Mersin' Airy," in a way that would do any one good to hear. Then Sir John has forgotten that he wants to speak, and conversation and stories keep up unceasingly. "Ah, Mr. Alderman," we hear by and by, "do you recall that glass fuln" for he has just poured a wine glass of whisky into his tumbler of hot water and sugar. "Perhaps *this* is, then, young man," and he deliberately fills another, and adds it to the first. Then imperceptibly Mr. Flick, who said, "Head is what you young fellows want. When you've once made your head, it isn't the quantity you'll be after minding, but the quality entirely." But Sir John again wanted to make a speech and the Rev. Chancellor was induced to sing a drinking song, one which was new to me, and which with its melodious air, and clever words, and sung, as it was, by the greatest clerical *bon vivant* in Ireland, seemed to me the best of the sort I ever heard, and as I admire it so much, I shall copy it here for you, for I succeeded in getting a copy of it. It was written by Dr. Francis Waller, President of the Goldsmith Club of this city, and it was published first, last year, in *Kottobus*, a tri-yearly magazine published in Trinity College. It is called:

The Song of the Glass.

Come push round the flagon, each brother,
But fill bumper-high each glass;
And while you hob nob one another,
I'll sing you "The Song of the Glass."

Once Genius and Beauty and Pleasure
Sought the Goddess of Art in her shrine,
And prayed her to fashion a treasure,
The brightest her skill could combine.
Said the Goddess, well pleased at the notion,
"Most gladly I'll work your behest."
From the margin of yonder blue ocean
Let each bring the gift that seems best."

Chorus—(ably rendered by the whole table),
Then push round the flagon, &c.

Beauty fetched from her own ocean water
The sea wraik that lay on the strand,
And Pleasure the golden sand's bounty
That he stole from Time's tremulous hand;
But Genius went pondering and choosing
Whereggay shells and sea flowers shine,
Grasped a sun lighted wave in his musing,
And found in his hand a sparkling wine.

Chorus—Then push round the flagon, &c.

"'Tis well," said the Goddess, as smiling
Each offering she curiously scanned,
On her altar mysteriously piling
The brine and the wraik and the sand:
Mixing up with strange spells, as she used them,
Salt, soda and flint, in a mass;
With the flame of the lightning she fused them,
And the marvellous compound was *Glass!*

Chorus—Then push round the flagon, &c.

Beauty glanced at the crystal hall frighted,
For stirring with life it was seen,
Till gazing, she blushed all delighted
As she saw her own image within.
"Henceforth," she exclaimed, "she thou ever
The mirror to Beauty's own deep,
Not from steel, not from silver, nor river
Is the reflex so lustrous or clear."

Chorus—Then push round the flagon, &c.

But Genius, the while, rent asunder
A fragment, and raising it high,
Looked through it, beholding with wonder
New stars in over-shining sky.
With rapture he cried, "Now is given
To Genius the power divine
To draw down the planets from Heaven,
Or roam through the stars where they shine!"

Chorus—Then push round the flagon, &c.

The rest fell to earth. Pleasure caught it,
Plunged his bowl, ere it cooled in the glass;
To the form of the wine-cup he wrought it,
And cried—"Here's the true use of glass!"
Then leave, boys, the mirror to women,
Through the lens let astronomers blink—
There's no glass half so dear to a true man
As the wine glass when filled to the brink.

CHORUS.

Then push round the flask each good fellow,
Let's capture old Time ere he pass,
We'll steal all his sands while he's mellow,
And fill with the grape-juice his glass.

I believe I was the only person at the table who had never heard this before, but it was so well sung that we all enjoyed it hugely. Of course there were other songs, and stories and passages at arms. "Do you remember Paddy A.?" says the Chancellor, "he was the greatest liar I ever heard, I don't think he ever told the truth in his life." "Remember him!" shouts Father O. "Of course I remember him, and the very last words he said to me were, 'an' it's the Chancellor that's the perfect gentleman entire.'" Of course we all shouted at this proof of Paddy A.'s lying, and of course it wasn't long until the Chancellor got even with his antagonist. But this letter, like all other earthly things must have an end, and I want to write of another dinner before I finish.

A dinner at the Castle is a very different affair. The State Steward invites you in the name of their Excellencies; you reply to the Chief Aide de Camp in writing, accepting, if possible; as all other engagements give way before the Castle. This dinner, to which I shall refer, was last Tuesday. At a quarter before eight o'clock I got out of my cab at the grand entrance, and after leaving my wrappings in the cloak room, went up the broad, brilliantly lighted stairway, between rows of mail clad figures. At the door of the reception room, my name was shouted; an aid standing near runs his eye over a list in his hand, and after I have had sufficient time to look about the room and recognize a few acquaintances, he came up and informed me that I was to take Mrs. X to dinner, and, as I did not know the lady, he introduced me. Meanwhile name after name was announced, and the spacious rooms were filling fast. Every one in full dress—not court dress—and broadcloth—be, black and scarlet—brocades, tulles, diamonds and feathers are everywhere. At about half past eight there was a lull and their Excellencies came in; a few people near at hand were spoken to, then the Lord Lieutenant, with a noble Marshioness, and Lady Spencer with a noble Lord, led the way, followed by the long train of guests to the dining-room, which is such a dining-room. A full page as your City Hall, beautifully gilded and frescoed, with the walls decorated by the tons of massive silver, which a grateful country once gave the Duke of Marlborough, whose descendent is the present Viceroy. Tables are in the shape of a St. Andrew's cross divide the floor, and glitter and groan beneath the weight and beauty of plate and glass, flowers, good fish, fruit and candles. I had never imagined the possibility of brilliantly lighted a table, and I shall not attempt to describe what I could not imagine; suffice it to say that every prospect pleased me and even the vileness of man was not apparent. Wonderful cookery, attentive service, delicious wines, were accompanied by the diffused fragrances of pastilles and the melting strains of the Guard's band, which performed all through the different courses, beginning by a sacred air by way of blessing, and giving "God save the Queen" for grace, all present standing. The gentlemen stayed but a little time after the ladies were gone, and then adjourned to the Throne room, where a ball was started, a lovely, elegant affair, where there was plenty of room as well as plenty of people, and where I saw not a few of Dublin's celebrities. There was the Marchioness of Kildare, who is the future Duchess of Leinster, besides being the daughter of the famous anti-slavery Duchess of Sutherland, the former friend of Mrs. Beecher Stowe. There is Sir George L'Estrange, a hero of the Peninsula and Waterloo; Mr. Henry Roe, the munificent whisky distiller, who is spending several hundred thousand pounds in restoring Christ Church cathedral, and in doing other good works for the benefit of the Episcopal Church here. Mr. Roe is a medium sized, pleasant looking, dark man, who smiles and grasps your hand in a most cordial manner. There, too, was Sir Arthur Guinness, the young millionaire who would change fast, if he had not already exiled and who is about to bear the brunt of another year of art exhibition. Last year he and his brother cleared over and above expenses just £1,400 by the exhibition, which was, with the cooperation of the Queen, and have offered towards maintaining the exhibition this year. There were other notabilities present, and plenty who were not, in the shape of officers, noblemen and civilians, to say nothing of ladies with all the beauty for which Erin's daughters, whether in palace or hovel, are famous. It was shortly after supper I noticed that a rumor began to be whispered that the Ministry was defeated and had resigned. Great was the suppressed excitement among the Irish portion of it, if it appeared on the faces of the good natured Lord Spencer or his beautiful wife, but one jolly member of the household whispered to me that he had a household uniform which he could get cheap, "for," said he, "Gladstone and I and Spencer are going out." Since then the excitement here has been great, and even now, when I write, no one knows yet whether Mr. Disraeli is going to be Lord Beaconsfield, perhaps, as most people seem to think now, Mr. Gladstone will go in again, untrammeled by the University question and fresh as Antaeus after an invigorating mud bath.

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PARKER'S LANDING.

Terrible Ravages of the Fire Fiend.

THE BUSINESS PART OF THE CITY IN ASHES.

PARKER'S LANDING, April 4.—The fire which occurred here last night was of the most destructive character, and is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The fire broke out about ten o'clock last night, in the building used as an office by Messrs. Armour & Reamer, and spread with the dereest rapidity until all the buildings on both sides of the street, from the point were the recent fire was checked, at the upper part of the town, down to the old Parker Mansion, were enveloped. The greatest consternation prevailed, and it is simply impossible to save anything from the burning buildings.

A Singular Mistake.

During the progress of the fire a very singular mistake was made by some men who were working to save the store building occupied as a store by Messrs. Chalfant & Graff. A barrel, supposed to contain salt, was carried to the roof after considerable difficulty, and the contents were spread with a liberal hand over the roof. In a very few moments it was discovered that the barrel contained white sugar, instead of salt, and that the labor expended was practically lost. The only building left standing was a large ice house, which seemed to resist the flames to the last. The fire broke out at about five hours, by which time it had reduced to ashes the larger portion of the business part of the town.

List of the Sufferers.

Below is a list of the sufferers by the fire and the amount of losses sustained. In addition to those named there is a large number of persons who occupied sleeping apartments in the buildings destroyed. Their losses could not be ascertained:

G. D. Prest's dry goods store, $10,000; Morehood's liquor store, $15,000; Newton & Co.'s clothing store, $6,000; vacant building formerly used by Hamburg & Co., $15,000; Monitor House, $7,500; Wilson & Manitola's grocery store, $2,000; W. R. Kroskeep's drug store, $5,000; John Kessee's butcher shop, $4,000; ten pin alley and dwelling in rear, $1,500; Thomas Henry's grocery store, $1,800; Lomax's clothing store, $3,500; Robinson's cigar and tobacco store, $1,500; Central Hotel, $2,000; Joseph Miller, watchmaker, $7,000; S. Seigle & Bro.'s dry goods store, $5,500; McLaughlin Bro.'s boot store, $3,000; Peter Meier's jewelry store, $1,000; Dutch John's saloon, $3,500; Phillip's drug store, $10,000; Perkins' grocery, $5,000; Crawford & Morrow's office, $3,500; Philips Bros.' office, $1,000; J. A. Steele's dwelling, $800; Mrs. E. H. Parker's building, $1,500; Exchange Bank, brick, $800; Parker's Landing Bank, $1,000; Parker & Thompson's office, $1,000; Postoffice, $1,500; Union Pipe office, $900; Grant Pipe office, $900; Parker & Karns' office, $2,000; A. S. Harring-ton's office, $800; Freeman's large new building, $5,000; Hewing's office, $1,200; Coulter's law office, $900; Huff's office, $500; Western Union Telegraph office, $800; J. A. Lambing's office, $1,500; Fisher Bros.' office, $800; Dr. Irish's office, $1,200; W. McKelvy's office, $800; Hackett's office; $800; Pacific & Atlantic Telegraph, $600; next office, owner not known, $500; Neyhart's office, $800; J. O'Connor, clothing store, $1,500; W. R. Stevenson's office, $800; H. H. Castle's office, $1,500; Patson Bros., house, $1,000; Lyle & Artiers' office and goods, $2,500; Samuel Stevers, house, $1,000; F. N. Getty's law office, $200; A. Sunglish's law office, $1,000; Mrs. Hackett's office, $500; Kipp & Long's office, $1,000; J. L. McKinney's office, $1,000; L. S. Ender's shoe store, $2,000; barber shop, $500; Boyd's harness shop, $2,000; Armer & Reamer, agents of Farrar & Tiffi's Engine Company, $1,100; Parker House, $800; Johnson's paint shop, $700; Butler's barber shop, $500; S. McKee's dwelling, $2,500; McFerson block, $1,500; Ormstead & English office, $250.

Sunday Observance.

HARRISBURG, April 5, 1873.

There was an interesting debate in the House on Thursday evening, on a bill introduced by Mr. Reynolds of Luzerne county, exempting from the penalties the law of 1794 for Sabbath observance, the Seventh Day Baptists. It also relieves them from answering any legal process, either as defendant, witness or juror on the seventh day of the week, and from executing the duties of any office on that day, provided such duties or interests absolutely require it. It prohibits them, however, from opening shops or stores on the first day of the week, or working at any mechanical trade in any compact place, or fishing or hunting on lands out of their own possession. It is made a sufficient defense for any person charged with having worked on Sunday to prove to the satisfaction of the justice that he or she uniformly keeps the seventh day of the week as Sabbath, and thereon habitually abstains from following his or her usual occupation or business, and devotes this day to the exercise of religious worship."

There are five or six thousand Seventh Day Baptists in the State, mostly in the eastern counties. They are good citizens as a rule, well educated, and observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath with a scrupulousness not exceeded by the most rigid in their observance of the first day of the week. On the latter day, however, they plough, harvest, and pursue their usual avocations. Generally they regard it as made to enforce the old law of 1794 against them. But it is the common resort of annoyance in cases of neighborhood animosities or differences to which the Seventh Day Baptists are parties. The passage of the bill was urged in an able and carefully prepared speech, made by Mr. Reynolds, of Luzerne county. Mr. Brown of Erie also advocated it, both gentlemen having a personal knowledge of the members of the church, and testified to their good repute as moral and industrious citizens. Messrs. Lane and Lawson opposed the bill in very earnest speeches as dangerous, and tending to vice, crime, irreligion and infidelity, certainly very sweeping and unjust allegations. On a test vote on the first section the bill was voted down by yeas 27, nays 56. Among the yeas were Messrs. Ramsey and Wainwright, and in the negative Messrs. Ballantine, McCormick, Newlin, Young, and Wagner.

THE ATLANTIC DISASTER.

An Investigation Commenced.

Statements of Captain Williams and Others.

A COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THE CATASTROPHE.

MANY OF THE VICTIMS ROBBED.

Investigation Into the Disaster.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 5.—The inquiry ordered by the Dominion Government into the Atlantic disaster commenced to-day, in the Custom House, before Collector E. M. McDonald and Captain McKenzie, a shipmaster. S. I. Shannon and H. Blanchard appeared for the Government, and J. N. Ritchie for the Captain of the Atlantic.

Collector McDonald, in opening the Court, said the inquiry would have the force of an English Board of Trade inquiry. He had not received his commission from the Court, but had received an official telegram stating that it was on its way, and if all the parties would consent he would go on and rely on the commission being received in good time. Ritchie, for the Captain, consented. Blanchard said that unless there was full and unequivocal consent he would object to going on, as it might appear when the commission was received that there were no special instructions which would require us to begin again.

All parties consenting, Capt. Jas. A. Williams was called and sworn, and read a statement.

Captain Williams' Statement.

The following is the statement of Captain Williams, part of which is a copy of a letter he has written to the owners of the Atlantic:

On the 28th of March the engineer's report showed the coal getting short, we having experienced three days very severe weather. The coals on board were three hundred and nineteen tons, we being 1,130 miles from Sandy Hook. The speed came down from eight knots per hour, and with a moderate strong breeze to five knots per hour. Hoping that the wind would change favorably, I kept on until the 31st, when our coals were reduced to one hundred and twenty-seven tons and the ship's distance from Sandy Hook four hundred and sixty miles, latitude 41 deg. 39 min., longitude 63 deg. 05 min. 43 sec. As the ship by this time was making but seven knots per hour, the wind being at southwest, I thought the risk too great to keep on, as in the event of a westerly gale coming up we might find ourselves short of all sources of supply. The chief steward also reported the stores short of fresh provisions enough for the saloon for two days, and but salt meat for the steerage for two days, when all but bread and rice would be out. And on receiving the Engineer's report, I decided to come here, Sambro Island being then north 3 degrees east, distant one hundred and seventy five miles. During this time the wind was S. S. W., with rain. At 8 P. M. the wind veered to west and the sky was clear and starlight. I several times corrected the course by the polar star. The course steered by the compass was N. E. and N. E. ½ E. early deviations, which I considered ample allowance for the easterly set, and to lead five miles to the east of Sambro Island. I left my orders on the bridge as to the look-outs, which word was passed to the officers relieving at midnight, the second and fourth officers corrected the course the last time at 12:20 A. M. when I repeated my caution and orders. I then went into the chart room and sat down about fifteen minutes. A Mr. Fisher came in to ask some particulars about the ship, as he was writing to a newspaper. He stayed about twenty minutes. My intention was to run on until 3 A. M., then to heave to and await daylight. The ship, by the log, had run was one hundred and twenty-two miles, which would place her forty-eight miles south of Sambro, the speed by the log at 12:20 being nine knots per hour. The night at this time was cloudy, and clear. At 1:40, my servant came up with my cocoa, when he was told not to awake me until 3 A. M., when the second officer would call me. The first intimation I had of anything was the ship striking Meagher's Rock, Sambro Island, and remaining, reeling slightly to port. The officers were quickly at their stations, accompanied by the quartermasters. The first step was swept away all the port boats, and the ship reeling over rapidly, the starboard quarter boats useless. Every effort was made to send the people forward to the outside of the ship, but terror defeated all our efforts. The second officer was in the starboard quarter boat, and the two ladies and placed them with him and returned for more. Before I got as far as the saloon entrance, and finding the ship going over still further, I managed to get hold of a weather rail and get back to the life buoys. I took the ladies out and placed them in the main rigging. I went back and called to the second officer to come out, as the boat would roll over, which she did in a few minutes, carrying with her Mr. Metcalf and from thirty to forty men. Finding I was of no use there, I returned to the main rigging and found that the ladies had gone. The chief officer, Mr. Firth, got up into the main rigging, where his retreat was soon cut off, and had to remain there until three P. M., when the weather and sea was much moderated, with a flood tide, and he then got off. Mr. Brady the third officer, finding the boats useless, went forward, and with the assistance of Quartermasters Speakman and Owens, established communication with ropes to a small outlying rock, distant from our starboard bow about forty yards. Owens swam first, but failed to get a footing. Speakman then tried and succeeded. A stopter rope was hauled on the rock, along which Mr. Brady passed, followed by the oldest of men. By this time it was 4 A. M. I was at the time in the main rigging, trying to get the passengers there collected to make an effort to get forward. Many went, but the larger number, several saloon passengers among them, lay there and died. The purser was the first to succumb to the intense cold that prevailed. Finding myself of no use there, I got along, outside of the ship, to the fore-rigging. I got the fore shrouds and tacks unloove and sent ashore. We now had five ropes to the rock, along which men to the number of one hundred and twenty passed safely, though nearly exhausted on reaching the rock. Mr. Brady, accompanied by Messrs. Owens, Speakman and Thomas, now got a line across the inner channel, which was about one hundred yards wide and shallow, though with a heavy surf running through. They then went up and gave the alarm and sent a messenger to Halifax. About fifty got to the larger island by the line, though many were drowned in the attempt, amongst the number being the Chief Steward, who was drowned by the passengers crowding him down. I, with the fourth officer, encouraged as much as we could the people, about four hundred and fifty of whom remained on the ship's side, to keep moving and keep from falling asleep. In many cases they gave right up and died, apparently without any pain. Twelve men, seated together, had down beside me, and despite all efforts to rouse them, died and slipped into the sea. At 5:30 A. M., the first boat came, but she was too small to be of any use. [At this point the captain's feelings overcame him, and it was several minutes before he could proceed.] In about twenty minutes more the large boat was launched and proceeded to take passengers off the small rocks. She was in half an hour followed by two others. I succeeded, fearing the ship would part and slide into deep water, in getting them to take off those from the ship first, and many were saved who, if left there to the last, would have perished from exhaustion. At this time I missed the fourth officer, and feared he had fallen in, when I saw him on the rocks, encouraging and helping another boat along. When all had left but about thirty men, my hands being frozen and my legs stiff, they took me off, the rest following immediately.

At 8:45 A. M. the survivors were landed and lodged in a wooden hut belonging to a fisherman named Clancy, who and his daughter gave them all they had. They made fires and warmed them. During the day they were drafted off to various islands about and billeted amongst what houses there were there. Mr. Ryan, the resident magistrate, filling his house, and others following his example. No women or children were saved. At one P. M. I sent Mr. Brady on to Halifax, to give particulars, obtain food and assistance, also to get steamers down early and convey the passengers and crew to Halifax. At 5 P. M., this time having fallen, the ship broke in two abaft, the foremast falling over till the sea washed completely over her. Her cargo was now washed out. Having no other officer at hand, I detailed the Coxswain and eight men to prevent wreckers, who now swarmed around, from carrying away the saved goods, and set a watch of four men during the night to pick up the bodies of such as might wash ashore. They kept up this watch during the night. At daylight the custom authorities came down and took charge. I gave to a Captain Sheridan provisional authority to employ what labor he required for salvage, with the understanding that the wages should not be over forty per cent. of the net value, and if this was objected to, to leave it to the arbitration of two justices of the peace. We embarked all our saved, amounting to about four hundred and twenty nine, on board the steamers Lady Head and Delta, and arrived at Halifax at 3 P. M., where Mr. Merritt, Cunard agent, who had promptly offered us every assistance, had places prepared for all. I have given the company's carpenter orders to get two hundred shells to bury the dead, and an undertaker to attend to the saloon passengers' bodies and the second officer, as their friends might wish them forward. Many bodies had come on shore before I left, some unrecognizable, but I identified Mr. Metcalf, Miss Merritt, Mrs. Fisher, and the chief steward, together with several of the others. I left the fourth officer and four men at the wreck to identify, take charge of papers, valuables, &c., that might be thrown up or saved. Thirteen saloon passengers were lost, and twenty saved; four hundred and sixteen steerage were lost—five hundred and twenty-seven steerage and crew. Put three women were men, the two I have spoken of and one who got up beside the chief officer and died in the rigging with her baby.

In reply to questions of his counsel, he added: I was on the bridge up to twenty minutes past twelve. Up to midnight it was brilliant starlight; after that we got occasional sight of the stars. When I left the bridge I went into the chart room, about thirty feet abaft from the bridge, on the upper deck, within easy call of the officers' deck. I got up at two o'clock and looked into the wheel house and then laid down to wait for an alarm. In making calculations I estimated her speed to be about eleven knots. She had increased gradually from seven and a half to twelve knots. The third officer reported that she had run one hundred and twenty two miles at twelve o'clock, which agreed with my calculation. I expected the ship at three o'clock would be eighteen or twenty miles south of Sambro and lay by until daylight. I had not my clothes off at all. I had every reason to put confidence in the second officer. He had made two voyages in the ship, and I had always found him a steady, sober man.

On cross-examination Captain Williams said the speed of the vessel at twelve was about twelve knots. He reckoned he was easterly eight miles off Sambro, bearing with five degrees east; did not think her course expected to pass five miles east of Sambro Light; never brought the ship into Halifax, nor never have been on the coast before. The third officer has been in the harbor twice. No other officer has ever been there; did not use the lead coming into Halifax because the night was clear and Sambro Light could be seen twenty-one miles in clear weather and fifteen miles in moderate weather. I am now satisfied that what I report into the chart room I was mistaken in the locality of the ship. She must have been further northward and westward than I thought. I knew the coast was a dangerous one. If I had been sounding regularly from twelve to three I would have been on deck and the ship would not have gone ashore. There were three quartermasters and the second and fourth officers on deck. Had they been energetic they might, when I was below, have seen that there was something ahead, and if orders had been given to reverse the engines the calamity might have been avoided. The White Star steamers are supplied with printed orders for the guidance of commanders. These orders are that we are to take all possible precautions against fire, collision and wreck. There are no special instructions as to precautionary steps in approaching a shore. That is left entirely to the judgment of commanders. The officers in charge have full power to change the course or stop the ship, if necessary, without consulting the captain. There are no special instructions as to soundings.

This ended Captain Williams' evidence, and a recess was taken till 3 o'clock.

Statements by Passengers and Others.

At the appointed hour the court resumed its session. Dan'l Kinane, a cabin passenger, testified that he was awakened by the noise of the ship's striking; when he got on deck the second saw the officers were running about, confused. Asking what was wrong, he was answered by the person addressed that he did not know. Two or three minutes after witness got on deck the boiler exploded. He clutched the rigging and ship's side and finally got forward to the captain, who was encouraging the passengers to get to the rock. The captain and officers did all they could do. They were attentive to their duties; never saw the captain drink anything stronger than lemonade; do not know if the steerage passengers were prohibited from coming on deck; have no reason to suppose they were.

Spencer Jones, a cabin passenger, testified that being awakened by the noise, he found himself sinking, he went on deck and found everything in confusion. About eight minutes after she struck she heeled over. The Captain appeared to be doing what he could to save the people. He was under the forecast, holding on to a rope and encouraging the people to get ashore. The discipline of the Atlantic was excellent. The officers were gentlemen in every sense of the word, always attentive to their duty; never saw nothing that could have been done to save more lives than were saved; did not know nor did I hear of any effort made to keep the steerage passengers below.

Nicholas Brandt, who was making his sixth voyage on the White Star Line, said the conduct of the officers and the discipline of the crew were very good. Nothing could have been done beyond what was done to save life. After the ship struck the steerage hatches were open. There was also a passage from the steerage to the cabin. When the ship had keeled over Captain Williams was below witness, encouraging the passengers to keep moving and hope for six hours continued getting passengers into boats. When witness turned into bed at 11 he noticed the weather, which had been clear, getting hazy, a night in which it would be difficult to see land.

Charles Allen, cabin passenger, was called, and Mr. McDonald suggested it was not necessary to repeat the previous evidence. Witness then testified that in his opinion a good many more lives would have been saved if the ship had had an officer on the deck. The Captain could not get any number of men to do duty efficiently. Number one boat remained idle as much as three hours after the ship had sunk. The impression of witness from the beginning of the voyage was that the ship was not well managed. There were enough men, but not an efficient Captain and officers. After the vessel struck they seemed to exert themselves to get the people on deck, and to exercise the crew at the boats once a week was not done. But few steamers obey that rule.

John William Firth, chief officer of the Atlantic, testified: At noon on Monday the Captain and I took observations by separate chronometers, and agreed very closely. The longitude was 63 deg. 55 min., latitude 41 deg. 39 min. A consultation was held as to the propriety of running around the land, and that the coast was dangerous. The ship was going about ten knots eight or nine minutes before she struck. I saw the breakers first, and then land on the starboard bow. I sung out "breakers ahead" to the man on the bridge. He did not hear the breakers at all. I stood about thirty yards from the bridge. Am sure my cry was heard by the second officer; don't think that even if the engines had been reversed the ship could have been prevented from striking.

Patrick Kirly, an able seaman, testified. I was on the lookout on the bridge with the second officer. When I saw the breakers I called out "Breakers or ice ahead." One quartermaster saw them at the same time, and told the second officer, who immediately gave the signal "full power astern." Heard no noise of breakers. As near as I can judge the ship was within a quarter of a mile of the breakers when I saw them.

Quartermaster Thomas, in the course of his testimony, repeated the words he addressed to the second officer, and said the latter replied "He was not Captain and was not mate, and he couldn't do as he pleased." Thomas then asked the fourth officer if he should go to the main yard and look for the land, and was answered, "It was of no use." The Captain was called, and I told him of the course him at first, and witness told the second officer that he had better shake him and get him up. Just then Carroll cried out, "Ice ahead." Witness left the wheel and ran to the door; saw the white foam under the bow; put the wheel to port; then helm hard a starboard; then ran to the telegraph connecting with the engine room, but at that instant she struck.

Chief Engineer Foxley testified. At noon on the 31st of March there were one hundred and twenty-seven tons of coal on board, the expenditure of the previous day having been sixty tons. The ship was four hundred and eighty miles from Sandy Hook and one hundred and twenty miles from Halifax. The barometer falling. All the officers agreed to the Captain's proposition to put about for Halifax. Eight hundred and forty-seven tons of coal were put aboard at Liverpool, and there were one hundred and twenty tons remaining from the previous voyage, making a total of nine hundred and sixty-seven tons. We used about eighty tons before starting on the voyage. The average daily consumption is sixty nine tons. The consumption was greater than usual, because the coal was mixed English and Welsh. We consumed about the same quantity this time as on the last voyage. On that voyage we had a much larger quantity, nearly 1,200 or 1,300 tons. We were out thirteen days and had one hundred and twenty nine tons when we reached New York. Previous to the last voyage we had all Welsh coal.

Captain Williams Interviewed.

HALIFAX, April 7.—The agent of the Associated Press had an interview to day with Captain Williams on several points brought out during the investigation.

Reporter.—How do you account for the extraordinary consumption of coal? The English managers say the Atlantic had a much larger quantity on board than she usually consumed.

Williams.—Probably that is true as to the quantity on board when she left Liverpool, but is of an inferior quality, whereas we generally use Welsh. Had all the coal been Welsh, the quantity would have been more than sufficient to carry us to New York.

Reporter.—What about the provisions?

Williams.—We had an ample supply of all stores except salt fish for the Catholic passengers. On the Friday previous to the wreck they had complained of a scarcity of fish.

Stories Denied.

The story that Albert Sumner committed suicide is false. A friend who was saved says Sumner held on to the wreck until washed off by the sea.

The Captain says the stories of the mutilation of bodies by the crew are false, and the reports of the robberies are largely exaggerated. He says the people at Prospect did all they could for the living and dead, but among the crowds who came to the place from the surrounding country there were some who robbed the bodies when they could get a chance.

The Atlantic's Passengers.

Of the Atlantic's passengers who left the city last evening by the Erie Railway thirty received tickets to Chicago, twenty to Cleveland, four to Duluth, three to Youngstown, Ohio, two to Detroit, and one to Saginaw, Mich. Among those for Chicago is Madame Glanfield, who had worked a number of years in that city.

CLINTON STATION.

Read by Miss Emma Anderson, at the Clinton Literary Society.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

Clinton Station, or Rock Point, is pleasantly situated on the Erie Railroad, about two miles above the junction with the P., F. W. & C. R. R., at the pleasant village of Homewood.

It is often known by the name of Rock Point, the name of the postoffice, a name, which we believe more appropriate for it than Clinton, for the fact that Rocks and Points are a very striking feature of the place. It certainly has a very romantic appearance, and well deserves the name of Rock Point. It would make a very pleasant summer resort for persons from the smoky and crowded city. Its beautiful scenery is very attractive and likely to attract the attention of all persons not accustomed to seeing such places. If they be a fishing party they will find employment as well as amusement on the Big Beaver river, which contains many species of the finny tribe. If a pleasure party, they can find much to amuse and interest them on the Rocks, or exploring the shades of the forest; climbing over the jutting and craggy rocks, or exploring the spacious caves, much famed in the early history of our country as hiding places of the Indians, and for the many exploits of daring and bold hunters and Indian spies while evading the leaden bullet shot from the rifle of the savage Indians, who were then prowling through the forest of this region, a deadly foe to the white man. Clinton is a mining district, and contains about one thousand inhabitants, principally miners, who find employment in the extensive coal works of Scott & Co., Lee & Patterson, Benham and Clinton coal companies, are all in good running order and in full blast at present. Judging from the quantity of coal shipped daily from these rocks, they are not surpassed by any in the State. Their coal has the name of the best gas coal—and there miners the best of Atlantic. They are principally from North Carolina, and Simon Camacho, a Frenchman. The latter has his feet and legs badly frozen. They were in the rigging eight hours. They praise the officers for their gallantry, but are bitter against the crew.

The Investigation Resumed.

HALIFAX, April 7.—The investigation into the "Atlantic" disaster was resumed this morning. Cornelius L. Brady, the third officer, after telling the story of the position of the vessel when it was decided to run for Halifax, said he was in bed when the ship struck, it not being his watch. The statement made that there were efforts made to keep the passengers below deck was absurd and incorrect.

At the close of his examination Mr. Brady stated on oath that the stories of the robbing of the dead are entirely true.

John Firth, the fourth officer of the Atlantic, testified. The Captain at one o'clock on Monday directed him to alter the course to N. 24 E. for Halifax; were then running seven knots. The coal was increased afterwards, and at four o'clock the speed was eleven knots. At midnight the third officer told me the distance to Sambro Light was forty-eight miles, the ship having run twenty two miles since noon. Commenced running nine knots at midnight. at 1:30 the wind was W. N. W., with a little swell. The leads were all on the bridge, ready for sounding. Between 1:30 and the time the ship struck I was on the saloon deck, between ten feet below the bridge. I told the Captain's boy not to call him till three o'clock, and the second officer told him he would call the Captain. The second mate was on the bridge. The night was cloudy, not thick. Before I left the deck I went to the weather side and looked for a light, but could not see anything but the open sea. In about half an hour after the ship struck. I did not let the boy call the captain, because I knew the ship had not anything like forty-eight miles. All the officers knew that we were running in to make shore. No one in my hearing told the second officer that the distance had been run. One of the quartermasters asked me if he should go to the mainyard to look for land. I told him it was too soon. I did not hear the "rout" of the sea on shore, probably because of the noise of the engines. We must have been a good mile from Pennant Point when we run in, but I neither saw the breakers, nor saw the "rout." I was in the steerage at the time. I had not looked at the chart, and did not know the coast. To my knowledge nothing was done to prevent passengers coming on deck. The Captain did everything he could to save life. None of the officers spoke of leaving the ship or stopping the ship. They did not move on account of the clearness of the night and the certainty of seeing the light; don't think the vessel, after she struck, was aground astern; went below at a quarter to three to inspect the steerage; returned when that duty was performed. The door between the wheel-house and chart room was open at 2 o'clock. The Captain was within six feet of the man at the wheel. The crew worked well. The

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OUR PRODUCTIVE WEALTH.

Agriculture, Mining, Manufactures, Fisheries.

The Entire Productive Wealth of the United States—Details of the Manufacture of Each County in Pennsylvania.

Special Correspondence Pittsburgh Gazette.
WASHINGTON, April 10, 1873.

The following shows the entire productive wealth of the United States, according to the last census:

Agriculture	$2,447,538,588
Mining	152,598,994
Manufactures	4,232,325,442
Fisheries	11,096,522
Total	$6,844,559,516

Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

The following shows the entire productive wealth of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, according to the last census:

PENNSYLVANIA.

Agriculture	$183,946,627
Mining	76,208,390
Manufactures	711,894,344
Fisheries	36,114
Total for Pennsylvania	$972,075,875

OHIO.

Agriculture	$194,256,907
Mining	7,791,544
Manufactures	269,713,610
Fisheries	383,121
Total for Ohio	$476,105,182

WEST VIRGINIA.

Agriculture	$ 23,379,692
Mining	2,535,531
Manufactures	24,102,201
Fisheries, no return	
Total for W. Va.	$ 50,020,424

The Three States Together.

The total productive wealth of the three above named States taken together is as follows:

Pennsylvania	$ 972,075,875
Ohio	476,105,182
West Virginia	50,020,424
Total for three States	$1,498,212,481

Manufactures in the United States.

The following shows the product of the manufacturing industries in each State and Territory during the last census year:

	Establishments.	Products. Dollars.
Alabama	2,188	13,040,644
Arizona	18	185,410
Arkansas	1,079	4,629,234
California	3,984	66,594,556
Colorado	256	2,852,820
Connecticut	5,128	161,065,474
Dakota	17	178,570
Delaware	800	16,791,382
District of Columbia	952	9,292,173
Florida	659	4,685,403
Georgia	3,836	21,196,115
Idaho	101	1,047,624
Illinois	12,597	205,620,672
Indiana	11,847	108,617,278
Iowa	6,566	48,834,322
Kansas	1,477	11,875,833
Kentucky	5,390	54,625,389
Louisiana	2,557	24,161,905
Maine	5,850	79,497,521
Maryland	5,812	76,593,613
Massachusetts	13,212	553,912,565
Michigan	9,455	118,394,676
Minnesota	2,270	23,110,700
Mississippi	1,731	8,154,758
Missouri	11,871	206,213,429
Montana	201	2,494,511
Nebraska	670	5,788,512
Nevada	330	15,870,539
New Hampshire	3,342	71,038,249
New Jersey	6,636	169,237,732
New Mexico	182	1,499,868
New York	36,206	785,194,651
North Carolina	3,642	19,021,327
Ohio	22,773	269,713,610
Oregon	969	6,877,387
Pennsylvania	37,200	711,894,344
Rhode Island	1,850	111,418,354
South Carolina	1,584	9,858,981
Tennessee	5,317	34,362,630
Texas	2,399	11,517,302
Utah	533	2,343,019
Vermont	3,270	32,184,646
Virginia	5,933	38,364,322
Washington	269	2,851,052
West Virginia	2,444	24,102,201
Wisconsin	7,013	77,214,326
Wyoming	32	765,424
Total	252,148	4,232,325,442

Manufactories in Each County in Pennsylvania.

The following shows the product of the manufactories in each county in Pennsylvania during the last census year:

Counties	No. of establ'ts.	Products. Dollars
Adams	502	1,415,126
Allegheny	1,514	88,789,414
Armstrong	376	4,357,357
Beaver	509	4,024,683
Bedford	369	1,587,024
Berks	1,414	16,243,453
Blair	440	6,428,366
Bradford	531	2,738,395
Bucks	739	4,732,118
Butler	387	1,330,932
Cambria	373	8,641,812
Cameron	44	896,510
Carbon	161	2,955,783
Centre	362	3,047,674
Chester	996	11,494,543
Clarion	279	1,315,503
Clearfield	245	1,109,405
Clinton	241	3,646,526
Columbia	258	2,706,290
Crawford	743	10,157,099
Cumberland	449	3,249,032
Dauphin	587	13,514,156
Delaware	314	11,641,654
Elk	81	1,524,332
Erie	1,497	9,497,987
Fayette	402	3,527,404
Forest	37	393,191
Franklin	529	3,621,349
Fulton	65	512,433
Greene	162	574,050
Huntingdon	324	2,319,152
Indiana	473	1,393,408
Jefferson	232	1,238,619
Juniata	204	678,345
Lancaster	1,616	14,034,180
Lawrence	181	3,439,700
Lebanon	481	4,160,084
Lehigh	694	15,480,848
Luzerne	886	17,493,463
Lycoming	608	9,081,466
McKean	36	358,984
Mercer	458	6,544,277
Mifflin	194	1,616,985
Monroe	254	2,232,539
Montgomery	1,089	16,933,703
Montour	158	4,857,602
Northampton	655	12,530,834
Northumberland	424	4,207,875
Perry	282	2,412,626
Philadelphia	8,184	322,004,517
Pike	67	692,313
Potter	41	249,724
Schuylkill	844	9,586,114
Snyder	98	591,449
Somerset	496	1,240,671
Sullivan	83	390,877
Susquehanna	376	3,225,054
Tioga	282	2,190,852
Union	168	1,288,692
Venango	278	4,516,586
Warren	450	3,224,768
Washington	492	2,037,441
Wayne	291	3,714,675
Westmoreland	390	2,592,487
Wyoming	194	1,013,531
York	1,111	7,628,934
Total	37,200	711,894,344

COLUMBUS.

Complexion of the Constitutional Convention.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 11.—The latest figuring on the Constitutional Convention shows the following result: Regular Republicans elected, fifty; Independent Republicans, three; regular Democrats outside of Hamilton county, forty-two. In Hamilton county, five Democrats and one Liberal Republican, and four candidates were elected whose names were on both tickets. Both the Democrats and Republicans claim the Convention, but until the official returns are received it is impossible to know which party will have a majority in the Convention.

ALBANY.

The Erie Investigation.

ALBANY, April 11.—Senator Madden was before the Erie Investigation Committee this morning, and testified that the one thousand dollars he received from the Erie Company in 1868 were handed him for a lawyer named Little. Madden was not a Senator then. In 1871, when a candidate for Senator, Gould sent him four thousand dollars for his election, and these sums were all the money he ever received from the company.

LOUISVLLIE.

Conference on the Surrender of the Canal to the Government.

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 11.—Messrs. Benj. Eggleston and Theodore Cook, a committee of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, held an interview this morning with the Directors of the Louisville and Portland Canal, to ascertain the views of the Directors with reference to the surrender of the canal to the Government. The Directors expressed themselves willing and desirous to surrender the canal whenever the Secretary of the Treasury shall comply with their terms and the acts of the Kentucky Legislature and Congress. The interview was entirely satisfactory to the committee.

NEW YORK.

The Postal Car Investigation—The Cost of City and County Advertising—An English Detective Robbed—Opposition to a Pastor—What Brigham Young Proposes to Do—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislature After Gould and Others.

NEW YORK, April 11, 1873.

The Postal Car Investigation.

The Senate Postal Car Committee to-day heard the argument of T. Cuyler, of Philadelphia. He held that the Government had no more constitutional right to force the railway companies to perform services for nothing or for unsatisfactory compensation than it had to take a citizen's residence and turn it into a postoffice. He denied the power of Congress to fix the compensation for carrying mail matter.

E. L. Dennis, President of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, said the railroads are not now paid more than one-eighth the cost of carrying the mails, and if the Post Office Department paid at the rates paid by the Adams Express Company, the railroads, instead of receiving $31,135, would get $461,000 a year.

The committee then went into executive session.

The Mormon Problem.

Brigham Young telegraphs to a newspaper in this city that his resignation as trustee in trust for the Church and as President of the banking institutions, do not affect his position as President of the Church, in which capacity he will still exercise supervision over the business, ecclesiastical and secular, leaving the details, however, to the younger men. He says the institutions of Utah are well established, and speaks warmly of its material condition. The Mormons intend establishing settlements in Arizona, and influencing the Apaches to peace. In the meantime he invites all good citizens to Utah, where property is less taxed and better protected than elsewhere in the United States.

Opposition to a Pastor.

The Warren Street Methodist church of Brooklyn refuses to receive their new pastor, Saunders, just appointed by the New York East Conference, claiming to have a promise from the Presiding Elder to appoint Mr. Johns, who has been preaching since the death of Mr. Hadley, and have decided to close the church on Sunday and notify Saunders that he is not wanted. The official board say in the event of Johns' removal they will sell the church or make a Congregational church of it.

It is rumored another church is threatening to adopt a similar course.

City and County Advertising.

The report of Comptroller Green shows that $3,569,676 were paid out by the city and county of New York, for advertising, during 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871. The reduction in 1872, from 1871, was nearly a million dollars. The Comptroller thinks that one hundred thousand dollars will cover the cost of 1873, unless the Legislature orders additional advertising. The claims presented since 1871, but not allowed, would make the total claims for five years $5,180,995.

Usurious Interest.

Henry C. Lanier & Co. have obtained a temporary injunction restraining Peter A. H. Jackson from disposing of five hundred thousand dollars' worth of bonds of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad pledged with him, on the ground that the terms of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the loan for which they were pledged, were usurious.

The Sergeant-at-Arms After Gould and Others.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislature arrived here to-day to arrest Jay Gould, Wm. M. Tweed and J. B. Dutcher, charged with contempt in not appearing before the Erie Investigating Committee when summoned. Neither has yet been found.

An English Detective Robbed.

While the English detectives, now here in the Bank of England forgery case, were seeing the city the other night, one of them was robbed of his watch and pocketbook and the papers for the extradition of Bidwell, of Havana. The papers have been returned.

THE INDIANS.

The Modoc War—Suggestions by General Canby.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A telegram from General Canby, dated Tule Lake, California, April 3, and forwarded by courier to Yreka, California, has been received by General Sherman, in which General Canby states that he had seen the instructions sent to the Peace Commissioners by the Secretary of the Interior, and continues: If the Modocs surrender as prisoners of war, the General Government should have paramount and exclusive jurisdiction over the cases of all. The same result would be secured by treaty. But are not treaties with Indian tribes prohibited by the recent legislation? A reservation within the limits of either California or Oregon would not bar State jurisdiction until after the cession by these States, and would have no retractive effect for crimes committed within the limits of such reservation. It is doubtful, under Justice Miller's decisions in Kansas reservation cases, whether the State jurisdiction would not prevail. The murders of citizens were committed beyond the limits of any reservation, and within the jurisdiction of the two States, and, of course, anterior to any arrangement with the Modocs. I do not question the right or power of the General Government to make any arrangement that may be thought proper, but I think they should make such as to secure permanent peace, together with liberal and just treatment of the Indians. In my judgment permanent peace cannot be secured if they are allowed to remain in this immediate neighborhood. The Modocs are now sensible they cannot live in peace on Lost River, and have abandoned their claim to it, but wish to be left in the Lava beds. This means license to plunder and a stronghold to retreat to, which was refused. Their last proposition is to come in and have an opportunity of looking for a new home not far away, and if they are sincere in this, the trouble will be soon ended. But there has been so much vacillation and duplicity in their talks that I have hesitated about reporting until some definite result was attained. All movements of troops have been made deliberately and cautiously, so as to avoid a collision and to impress the Indians that we have no unfriendly intent. Thus far we have succeeded very well, but their conduct has given so much reason to apprehend that they are only trying to gain time, that I have organized a party of scouts to operate with the troops if they should go to the mountains or renew hostilities.

THE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, April 11.—River thirty one feet; rising. Arrived—Lawrence, Nashville. Departed—Andes, Wheeling; E. H. Durfee, St. Louis. Clear and growing warmer.

NEW ORLEANS, April 11.—Arrived—Belle Lee, Evansville; Dexter, St. Louis. Departed—Tom Jasper, St. Louis. Clear and warm.

MEMPHIS, April 11.—Clear and cool. River rising at the rate of one inch per hour. Fears are entertained of an overflow. Arrived—Ike Hamnett and barges, St. Louis; Little Algus, New Orleans. Departed—Little Hegler, Little Rock; City of Vicksburg and Emma Elliott, St. Louis; Falls Pilot and John Maude, New Orleans; Mary Poe, Red River.

CAIRO, April 11.—Arrived and departed—tug Redfox, from Wabash river for the south, 3 P. M. River risen 2 inches. Clear, mercury 54.

NASHVILLE, April 11.—River falling; 7 feet scant on Harpeth Shoals. Weather variable. Arrived—Eddyville, Upper Cumberland. Departed—Ada Hafimen, Cairo; Burksville, Upper Cumberland.

EVANSVILLE, April 11.—Cloudy, wet and heavy rain this morning; light showers during the day; mercury 46 to 56. River fallen one foot. Up—Savannah, 4 A. M.; City of Augusta, 6; Quickstep, 8; Fayette, 4; Nick Longworth, 11; Mary E. Forsythe, New Orleans, 6 P. M. Down—Henry Probasco, 10 A. M.; Thos. Sherlock, 11; Charmer, 12; Mary Ament, 2 P. M.; Tarascon, 3. Business good.

ST. LOUIS, April 11.—Arrived—Mary Davage, Pittsburgh; Bertram, Keokuk; New Boston, Peoria; Dubuque, Reed's Landing; St. Joseph, Memphis; J. F. Toile, New Orleans. Departed—Bertram, Keokuk; Belle Memphis, Memphis; Northwestern, St. Paul; Alps, Cairo. River rising again. Cloudy and cool.

LOUISVILLE, April 11.—River rising; 11 feet in canal; 8 feet 9 inches in Indiana chute; 7 feet over rocks; scant 5 in Kentucky chute. Arrived—J. W. Garrett and barges, St. Louis; John Dippold and barges, Cairo; Baltic, Pittsburgh. Departed—Saannon and Garrett, Cincinnati; Dippold, Baltic, McDonald and Ella, Pittsburgh. The John Dippold, in coming up, snagged and sunk her barges of coal on the Kentucky side of the river. The loss is about $4,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

Probabilities for To-Day.

WASHINGTON, April 11, 1873.

The area of lowest barometer will move northeastward down the St. Lawrence valley on Saturday. For New England, southeasterly winds and threatening weather. For the Middle States, southeast winds, veer to southwest, with cool, cloudy weather during Saturday. For the lower lakes, fresh and possibly brisk northwesterly winds, with falling temperature and clearing weather. For the upper lakes, diminishing northerly winds, partly cloudy and colder weather, followed very generally by southerly winds, with falling barometer by Saturday night. For the lower Missouri valley and southwest, falling barometer and rising temperature. For the eastern Gulf and South Atlantic States, northwesterly winds, backing to south, with falling barometer and partly cloudy weather. Cautionary signals continue at Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo, Cape May and New York, and are ordered for Rochester, Oswego, Norfolk, Wilmington and Baltimore.

Destructive Gale at Wheeling.

WHEELING, April 11.—A gale here this afternoon caused a great deal of damage to property. The warehouse of Dewey, Vance & Co.'s nail factory was seriously injured, a portion of the roof being carried off and a thirteen inch wall blown down. A new brick addition to Bradley's woolen factory was blown down. The telegraph wires were prostrated.

THE CAPITAL.

Apparatus for Testing Steamboat Boilers Offered to the Government.

RUMORS OF ANOTHER WAR WITH MEXICO.

Investigation Into Steamboat Disasters Ordered.

EXAMINING SURGEONS APPOINTED.

Spring Imports to the United States.

NEW METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU.

Duty on Gas Strips of Iron.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
WASHINGTON, April 11, 1873.

Testing Steamboat Boilers.

Francis B. Stevens has tendered to the Government, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the apparatus and machinery belonging to that Company for experimenting upon and testing steamboat boilers. Most of the material is at Sandy Hook, where it was used in experimenting upon boilers some time ago. It is understood that the Government will gladly accept the present, which is worth about ten thousand dollars, and conduct a portion of the experiments, for which one hundred thousand dollars were appropriated by the last Congress, at Sandy Hook, under the joint supervision of the Inspector General of Steamboats of the Treasury Department and the Chief Engineer of the Navy.

Rumors of Another War with Mexico.

Rumors of another war with Mexico and the annexation of more Mexican territory are flying here thick and fast. Secretary Belknap and General Sheridan are on the Texan border, the massing of United States troops in that vicinity, and the unsatisfactory attitude of Mexico towards our Government for years past, furnish substantial reasons for apprehending another short and decisive war.

Investigation into Steamboat Disasters Ordered.

David D. Smith, Inspector General of Steamboats, ordered to-day a rigid investigation into the following recent disasters: Steamboat Elgin City, wrecked on Long Island Sound; Steamer Nuhpa, wrecked on the Hudson River, and the collision of the steamboats New State and Eagle, on the Ohio River.

Bonds for the Syndicate.

The first installment of new loan bonds for the Syndicate will not be ready before Saturday.

A Chance for Office Holding Aspirants.

There are nearly 8,000 postoffices in the United States, whose postmasters receive a salary of $12 per annum. To fill these positions gives the Postmaster General more trouble than the offices of the highest grade.

The appointee generally remains until his first quarterly salary falls due, when he resigns, and then the office has to be removed a few miles to the next house. Appointments of postmasters of the $12 class are being made out daily.

Information not Likely to be Suppressed.

It is stated at the Treasury Department that Gen. Spinner, U. S. Treasurer, will not make public the names of those Senators and Representatives who draw their extra pay and then cover it in the Treasury. This determination of Treasurer Spinner will hardly avail his purpose, as in the few cases where it has occurred the Congressman hastened to get his action in relinquishing the money published broadcast as speedily as possible. Such information does not have to be sought after by the news gatherers very largely.

Examining Surgeons Appointed.

The Commissioner of Pensions has made the following appointments of Examining Surgeons: Alfred P. Belden, Whitehall, N. Y.; Eli N. Love, Waterford, Va.; D. A. Hoffman, Oskaloosa, John S. Baker, Osceola, and G. A. Kuecher, Keokuk, Iowa; J. H. M. Peebles, New York, and Thomas H. Seward, Pa.; E. O. Maunsteee, Union Bridge, Md.; Charles A. Carlton, Salem, Dakota; James C. Reynolds, Canton, Tenn.; E. W. McMahon, Quiney, Ill.; George Spofford, Windham, Vt.

Increased Pension to Widows.

The pension laws as amended by the last Congress will give increased pension to widows having one child. The amount of increase is two dollars per month, and has only been allowed heretofore except where there is more than one child. Many claims are now being filed under the new law, and the question to be decided is, whether the increase is to date back from July 25, 1868, the date of the original act increasing widows' pensions, or from the date of the modified law of last session.

Assistant Secretary Sawyer—What New York Financial Men Told Him.

Hon. Frederick A. Sawyer, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, while in New York, conversed pretty freely with merchants and high standing business men outside of the Wall street ring of speculators, and found that his informants generally discountenanced the consorted plan to put up the price in gold, and that the rise was in no way aided by the better class of financiers in New York, but solely a movement of speculators in Wall street.

League Island.

The Secretary of the Navy will not be able, with the limited means at his command, to put the new navy yard at League Island in proper shape at present, but he intends to strongly recommend to the next Congress the necessity of making liberal appropriations for the League Island Navy Yard, in order that it may be made first-class in every respect. New buildings, new docks and other improvements are wanted, and the proposition to erect them is looked upon with favor at the Navy Department.

Duty on Gas Strips of Iron.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that gas strips of iron, being rolled iron in pieces from 17 to 18 feet in length by 8 inches in width and 3-16 of an inch in thickness, is held to be dutiable under the provision of section 3, act June 30, 1861, for "all other descriptions of rolled or hammered iron not otherwise provided for" at the rate of 1¼ cents per pound less ten per cent, under section 2, act June 6, 1872.

Head Stones for National Cemeteries.

The Secretary of War will upon his return next month consider the designs and models submitted for head-stones over the graves o Union soldiers in the National Cemeteries. If the adaptability of any of these submitted can be agreed upon, advertisements for furnishing the head-stones will be issued on the first of June.

New Meteorological Bureau.

Advices have been received from South America, giving an account of the creation of a Meteorological Observatory in the Argentine Republic. The Observatory is located at Buenos Ayers, and its design is similar to that of the United States and England, the "weather probabilities" being one of its leading features.

Coal, Labor and Rents in England.

The United States Consul at Sheffield, England, writes to Dr. Edward Young, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, that great changes have occurred since July, 1872, in the price of coal and iron as well as of labor and rents, and the tendency seems still to be upward.

Reorganizing.

The chief of the Medical Division, Pension Office, is about to make a pretty thorough reorganization of his corps of Examining Surgeons throughout the country, since a number of them, it is alleged, are not as prompt and careful in their duties as it is desired to have them be.

Wants a Pension.

Dr. Mary Walker was at the Pension Office yesterday, it is said, endeavoring to secure a a pension for disabilities incurred while in the army service of the rebellion, as army surgeon. Already efforts have been made at the War Department to ascertain her status in this respect.

Temperance in England.

The American Consul at Sheffield, England, reports the cause of temperance as advancing there, and that the temperance organizations, which are growing rapidly, are doing much toward continuing this advancement.

Defaulting Custom Collectors.

Hon. Wm. T. Haines, Commissioner of Customs, states that the Government has fully recovered the amount of defalcations committed by collectors of custom during the year 1871 and 1872 through their bondsmen.

Personal.

General Eaton, United States Commissioner of Education, will deliver an address upon the inauguration of the Cumberland Valley Normal School, Shippensburg, Pa., on the 18th inst.

National Bank Reports.

The reports of the National banks, showing their condition at the close of business on the 28th of February, 1873, are now all in except the Carlinville National Bank of Illinois.

Commission Issued.

Hon. Jesse H. Moore, who was Chairman of the House Committee on Pensions of the last Congress, has received his commission as Pension Agent at Springfield, Ill.

Public Documents in the British Museum.

The Librarian of the British Museum has just acknowledged his receipt from Dr. Young, of the Bureau of Statistics, his reports on commerce and navigation in the United States.

DIAMOND.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

FOREIGN.

Terrible Earthquake in Central America.

The City of Salvador in Ruins.

EIGHT HUNDRED PERSONS KILLED.

A Bloodless Revolution in Panama.

FATAL CATASTROPHE IN ROME.

Five Persons Killed and Seventeen Wounded.

THE REVOLUTION IN SPAIN.

The Carlists Before Puigcerda Repulsed.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

The City of Salvador Destroyed by an Earthquake.

ASPINWALL, April 5, via Havana, April 10.—The city of Salvador, in Central America, has been destroyed by an earthquake. Eight hundred persons perished, and twelve millions dollars' worth of property was destroyed. The earthquake was followed by a conflagration, and many buildings were burned.

For a few days slight shocks of earthquake had occurred, but no serious apprehensions were entertained. On the afternoon of the 4th of March, about half-past four, almost without warning, a great part of the city was reduced to little more than ruins. The ground heaved like a ship in a gale. Terrific thunderings burst from under foot. Walls fractured and were rent in many places, with wide crevices. Roofs sank and tiles, &c., were precipitated to the ground. Lamps, pitchers, basins, glass, &c., were overturned and broken. Three violent shocks followed in succession, and the work of destruction was completed. Men, women and children fleeing to the fields with valuables hastily collected, then the ringing of the alarm bells and the beating of drums, calling all the soldiers under arms, for in San Salvador murder and pillage accompany the confusion of great earthquakes, and as the frightened citizens leave town, dusky Indians from the forests prowl for prey into it, who are only checked by the bayonets of the Government troops. These were posted in squads at short distances all over San Salvador.

WEST INDIES.

Destruction of Sugar Cane.

HAVANA, April 10, via KEY WEST, April 11.—The sugar cane on fifteen plantations in Union Jurisdiction has been destroyed by fire.

An Abandoned Ship Recovered.

ST. THOMAS, April 2, via HAVANA, April 10.—The British ship Varuna, from New York, January 23d, for Liverpool, was abandoned at sea, after being out fifty-two days. The crew and one of the mates have arrived here. The British man-of-war Challenger found the Varuna, towed her into the harbor and delivered her to the authorities. The Varuna was heavily insured. The underwriters will make an investigation.

A Bloodless Revolution in Panama.

ASPINWALL, April 5, via HAVANA, April 10.—A revolution has broken out in Panama, in favor of Ex-President Corrozo. President Nira is a prisoner. It is said he secretly sustains the revolutionists, who are in possession of everything. No lives were lost. Corrozo was expected at Panama on the 14th inst.

SPAIN.

Carlists Defeated.

PARIS, April 11.—A dispatch from Perpignier says that the Carlists have been repulsed, after fighting a whole day and night before Puigcerda.

PERPIGNAN, April 11.—A despatch from Puigcerda, dated noon to-day, says: After the failure of their final attack last night, the entire Carlist force withdrew before daylight, leaving three hundred dead and wounded on the field. We lost eight killed and have many wounded. Five houses were fired by the enemy's shells and destroyed. Precautions have been taken against a renewal of the siege.

FRANCE.

German War Indemnity.

PARIS, April 11.—Fifty million francs were paid by France to Germany, on the 5th instant, on account of the war indemnity.

The Vacancy in the Assembly.

General Cremier made a speech last night attacking the De Remusat candidate for the vacancy in the National Assembly from Paris, and declaring his intention to support Barodet. Several Republican meetings are announced for to-day.

ITALY.

The Pope's Illness.

[Special to N. Y. Herald.]

ROME, April 11.—The Pope is suffering from rheumatic fever and ulceration of the leg. His illness is extremely serious.

Terrible Catastrophe.

A manufactory in this city was destroyed by lightning yesterday, and forty persons buried in the ruins, five of whom were killed and seventeen wounded.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—The flood in the Hudson river continues.

—Victor Emmanuel will visit Vienna during the Exhibition, if the condition of Italy will permit of his departure.

—The base ball season opened in Philadelphia on Friday by a game between a Philadelphia professional club and the Eureka, amateurs.

—The Sixth annual re-union of the Society of the Sixth Army Corps will be held in the Temple of Music, in New Haven, on the 14th of May.

—A fire at Faribault, Minnesota, last Thursday night, destroyed the offices of the United States Express Company, and one or two adjoining buildings.

—The President has appointed Rutherford B. Hays as Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Cincinnati, under the fifth section of the act approved March 3, 1873.

—The stockholders of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway have resolved to ratify the lease of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Road to the Great Western.

—The Presidents of the National Banks of Philadelphia gave a banquet last Wednesday night to ex-Senator Cattell, about to go to Europe to assist in refunding Government bonds.

—Last Thursday night a land slide at the south end of the Rosendale bridge, on the Walkill Valley Road, carried away the trestle work from within ten feet of the depot to the bridge. Travel will be shut off for a month.

—E. S. Wood, supposed from letters in his possession to be from Goshen, Indiana, committed suicide at the Hubbard House, Jackson, Michigan, on Wednesday, by shooting himself through the head.

—At Holland, a settlement near Chicago, last Thursday night, a family of Germans, named Alders, got into a difficulty, resulting in the murder of the younger son by the elder. The fratricide is in jail.

—Chief Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme Court of Illinois, has written a letter acceding to the request of nearly all the lawyers of his district that he would become a candidate for re-election in June next.

Of Superior Quality.

When a firm once establishes a reputation for the sale of reliable goods, the public is not slow to appreciate the fact, and to give evidence of that appreciation by patronizing that firm. Liquors are among the most difficult articles to obtain in their pure state; but Messrs. S. C. Waters & Co., of No. 23 Diamond street, have on hand an assortment of liquors which, for genuineness and purity, are not surpassed by any stock in the city. Those contemplating replenishing their stock, that has of late been allowed to run down owing to the agitation of prohibition, are requested to call and examine for themselves before purchasing elsewhere. Remember the place, No. 23 Diamond Square, Pittsburgh.

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Twenty cents returned on every dollar at Macrum & Carlisle's great sale.

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Pearl Wheat, per package	25 cents
Strawberries, per can	20 cents
Blackberries, "	25 cents
Raspberries, "	25 cents
Plums, "	20 cents
Green Gages, "	20 cents
Edwards' Standard Tomatoes, 3 lb can	20 cents
Golden Table Peaches, 3 lb can	30 cents
Satin Gloss Starch, per package	10 cents
Silver Gloss Starch, per package	10 cents
Halb tt's New York City Soup	10 cents
Wax Beans	15 cents
Valencia Raisins	11 cents
Roast Rio Coffee, per lb	25 cents
Roast Java Coffee, per lb	30 cents
Winter Wheat Flour, per bag	$2 25
New (Ohio) Maple Syrup, per jug	$1 50

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Yours, very truly,
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OFFICE OF KEES, BROWN & BERGER.
NEW CASTLE, PA., February 14, 1873.

Messrs. Totten & Co., Pittsburgh.

GENTS—In answer to your favor of 13th inst., would say that we are using the Chill Rolls purchased from you in May, 1870, and they have given perfect satisfaction. They have been in constant use, and the Chill is still deep and perfect, no signs of crumbling. We have manufactured about 3,500 tons sheets with them, and can't see out that they are as good for as much more. Very truly yours,
KEES, BROWN & BERGER.

PITTSBURGH, January 23, 1873.

Messrs. Totten & Co., City.

GENTS—We have had the last Rolls furnished have a very good run, and so far have worked well.
Yours truly,
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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1873.

THE claims of the Southern Claims Commission thus far allowed vary in amounts from twenty-five to between seventy-five and eighty thousand dollars.

THE Prince of Wales is evidently giving attention to his Masonic duties. He was yesterday installed Grand Commander of the Knights Templar.

THE Washington *Reporter* is authority for the statement that the conviction of Briceland, for the murder of Allingham, is received with disfavor by the people of the locality. It does not intimate who is suspected as the guilty party.

THE Spring floods, this year, prove to be unusually destructive,—the water in the Susquehanna, Saginaw, Hudson, and other rivers, being higher than for many years. The railroads have been obstructed, and in some instances the cars washed from the tracks.

THE consolidation of the various Atlantic telegraph lines, and a reduction of rates, is under arrangement. With the new line, to be laid in May, if a reduction shall really be made in the charge for messages, it will greatly increase the volume of business.

THE prompt conviction of Nixon, the murderer of Phyfer, in New York, and his sentence, was quite a surprise. Yet it is regarded as a very fortunate circumstance, and if he is hung at the appointed time, crime in New York will have received another check.

LETTERS from the New York Assay Office and Philadelphia Mint, and a telegram from the mint at San Francisco to Dr. H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint, report that the new regulations since his inauguration are now in full operation and working finely.

THE financial budget of Great Britain, as presented by Mr. Lane, shows a reduction of the national debt, for the year, of nearly $35,000,000. The Geneva award is provided for in the current estimates, yet a reduction of taxation is proposed. All this looks well for England.

THE Government is settling with the informers and others entitled to moieties in the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co. Seventy thousand dollars goes to one person, and twenty thousand dollars each to several others. This will probably give quite an impetus to the informing business.

THE first new loan bond of the denomination of $50,000 has been issued to the National City Bank of Ottawa, Illinois. Number 1 of the $20,000 registered bond of the new loan has been issued to A. C. Otis, of New London, Connecticut. Both of the above denominations were never engraved in former loans.

THE amount of national bank circulation promised to national banks but not yet issued to them under the act of July 12, 1870, authorizing an additional issue of $54,000,00 is about $8,000,000. According to the calculation of the Comptroller of the Currency just promulgated, this $8,000,000 will not be issued until the next meeting of Congress.

THE usual closing scenes took place in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Strang was elected Speaker of the Senate, and Speaker Anderson was made the recipient of some very complimentary remarks from Senator McClure, and was presented with a gavel and a service of silver. Mr. Elliott, Speaker of the House, was also favored with presents. Thus with a happy interchange of kind feeling, the Legislature adjourned.

IMPORTANT news is received from Utah, to the effect that Brigham Young publicly resigned, yesterday, his position as Trustee in trust of the Mormon church property and funds, as also his position as bank President, and in several mercantile institutions. He proclaims a purpose to remove to Arizona, and will probably be followed by his people generally. So the Mormon problem in Utah is about to be solved.

THE TOWN of Parkers, one of the great oil centres, seems to be particularly unfortunate in respect to fires. It is not very long since it was visited with a terrific conflagration, and within two or three days another, involving about $200,000 of loss, has visited it. Measures ought to be taken to substitute brick for frame buildings, as in Oil City. It pays in the end to take precautions against fire, even though the first cost may be greater.

THE report of Colonel Phillips, President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, shows that road to be in a very prosperous condition. The total receipts were $2,289,-159.38. Total expenses, $1,278,425.82, showing a net profit of $960,683.51, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the bonded debt of the Allegheny Valley and Low Grade roads. This is an excellent showing, and indicates the coming prosperity of the company, when its improvements are complete.

WE LEARN that a great many persons are daily writing to the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury to know when the New Orleans or Farragut prize money will be paid out, and refer to the action of the Supreme Court, which many think ordered the payment of the money. Such is not the case. Only certain points were decided on by the Court, and the Auditor is of the opinion that the money cannot be given to the prize crews until after the assembling of the next Congress.

THE effort to secure a new trial for Briceland has failed, and the unfortunate man has been sentenced to death. While it is no doubt commendable on the part of lawyers that they use their utmost endeavors to save the lives of persons who may be charged with murder, it is a question whether, when a fair trial is had, and the evidence proves to be perfectly clear, there should not be a cessation of efforts to arrest the penalties of the law, by pleading mere technicalities. Society has rights, as well as criminals.

EDUCATION has long been regarded as the great hope of the South, and for this reason much public interest attached to the Peabody bequest. Careful observers, who have recently traveled through several Southern States, report that while Virginia, Florida and Tennessee are making decided progress in this particular, North Carolina, Georgia and Texas are not. The mere mention of the States that are, and are not progressing in this particular, is enough to illustrate the political importance of education.

NAPOLEON did not die the "pauper" he has been so often represented. The personal property bequeathed to the Empress is estimated at $600,000, besides which he had lands and houses in Corsica, in France, in Switzerland, and in Italy, partly purchased, and partly inherited. Besides this the Prince Imperial has large estates in France, bequeathed by an admiring lady. The Empress, in her own right, has large possessions in Spain, and considerable property in France. So she is very well provided for.

FULL RETURNS from Connecticut confirm the estimate made by us, several weeks since, as to the probable result of the election. Three Republican and one Democratic Congressmen were elected, and one branch of the Legislature is carried by the Republicans. The worst feature in the Gubernatorial contest was the State capital question, each of the rival parties selecting a candidate from a competing town. This, with the prohibitory movement, gave the State to the Democracy, so far as the Governorship was concerned.

THE Connecticut election clearly illustrates the value of hopeless side movements, as affecting the success of parties. The State is a close one at any time, but the prohibitionists were pleased to think that their interests would be better promoted by independent nominations, than by affiliating with either of the great political organizations. As a result, the Democracy are triumphant, and it remains to be seen whether the prohibition interests will be furthered as a result. We are disposed to think that some very healthful repenting will be in order soon.

THE Convention of Farmers in Illinois is a noticeable affair. Seventy-two counties of the State are represented, and the proceedings are of great interest. All subjects of interest, including railroads and their management, rivers and their improvement, legislators and their vices, are discussed in the plainest manner. It is a politico-industrial convention, and carries with it a suspicion of trouble to mercenary politicians who are more interested in rascality than in rendering honest service to the people. A really independent convention of this kind is a good thing for any State.

THE oppression of the farmers who rent lands in England, is frequently adverted to, as news. The most recent case is that of the Marquis of Bute, who refused to extend the time for the payment of rents—a favor asked because of the partial destruction of crops. The result of this policy now begins to be apparent. One hundred English farmers have just arrived at New York, bound for to West and others will probably follow. A trade union has been formed in England among this class for mutual protection, and one of the ideas developed is that of emigration. Let it come.

IN OUR reference yesterday to the death of some fifteen hundred cattle at East Liberty, we were not, possibly, sufficiently careful in guarding our references. The railroad company, and its employes, as we understand, are not responsible for the seeming cruelty, or the real loss. The owners of cattle transported are, we think, responsible for their stock, while in transit, the railroad authorities simply furnishing the cars and motive power. They do not, however, assume the care of the stock, that being left to the owners. We are particular to mention this, that the blame may rest where it originally belongs.

IT PROVES to be entirely true that George William Curtis resigned his position on the Civil Service Advisory Board, believing that certain appointments recently made indicated the abandonment of the Civil Service system. The President has stated, unofficially, that he does not propose to be rigidly governed by the Civil Service rules, as cases may arise where, even when a candidate may not appear for examination, he may be the very best person to confer a given appointment upon. Indeed, it has been generally understood all along that the President would feel free to vary from the Civil Service routine, when, in his judgment, it became necessary. The attempt to make the Civil Service rules rigid and unbending was a mistake on the part of Mr. Curtis.

THE revenues of the national Government promise to far exceed the estimate, during the present fiscal year. When Congress, a year ago, reduced taxation about fifty millions, the fear was generally expressed that it would at least retard the payment of the national debt. It appears, however, from the receipts from custom duties and internal revenue taxes, that the income will far exceed the estimate for the present fiscal year. The amount estimated for receipts from internal revenue was $75,000,000. With nearly three months of the fiscal year remaining, they are upwards of $83,000,000. The excess in the amount of customs duties over the estimates are proportionately the largest. It is believed that, notwithstanding the heavy reduction in taxation, the revenues of the Government this year will be equal, at least, to those of last year. Lest the *Post* should be sorrowful over this showing, we suppose that all this looks like excessive importations. Still, we are not of the number who are alarmed at this.

DR. WM. BERTRAM, of Missouri, was appointed United States Consul to Montevido, Uruguay, in May last, the salary attached to the office being only $1,000 per annum. Soon after this appointment, Dr. B. sold out his effects, and, with his family, proceeded on his consulate mission. When he arrived at Montevido, he found it necessary to employ a clerk, which cost him $2,000, double the amount of his salary. Besides this he was compelled to pay $50 per month for an office, and the rates of living, including house rents he found exorbitantly high. In fact, he states, he and his family, for want of means to enable him to do better, were sometimes bound to sleep in the open air, having already spent at least five times as much as his salary. Finally he was driven to the abandonment of his position, and recently he and his family returned to America, and he, of course is entirely disheartened, and his case is still the worse because of the fact that both his wife and children are lying quite ill in the city of New York.

TWO ITEMS of information from Spain,—Senor Castellar's demand for a more energetic policy in repressing the Carlist bands and the distribution of Minnie rifles to the people of Barcelona,—indicate a more hopeful prospect for the Republic than was before announced. To these items may be added the fact that the Cure of Santa Cruz, who so inhumanly beat patriot soldiers, is being chased out of the country. While none of these things are of startling importance in themselves, they are, nevertheless, straws which indicate the popular drift. For a short time past the Republic has seemed to be in a bad way. The clergy were arrayed against it, and Don Carlos was actively engaged, seeking to overthrow the Government, while the people in several provinces seemed apathetic. The distribution of arms to the people of Barcelona proves the confidence of the Government in their loyalty. Properly organized and disciplined, they ought to be able to repel the Carlist bands, and thus form a barrier to the insurrection. The proceedings taken against the Cure of Santa Cruz, argues a disposition to lay hands on the Catholic authorities, unless they are disposed to yield allegiance to the Republic. The new government needs, most of all, time, in which to gain solidity and strength. The machinery is new, and the leading officers have not been accustomed to executive duties, or the responsibilities of government. But they are Spaniards, and if they have time, will establish the Republic, as they are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Republicanism, and are profoundly versed in the theory of government. Energy, rightly directed, is of first importance, and may yet win against the discordant elements at work. We have hope, yet, for the Spanish Republic.

THE refusal of the Courts to recognize the right to female suffrage has received another illustration in the Philadelphia Courts. As offsetting this announcement we also record the fact that Miss Matilda Hindman, of this city, has been made the General Agent of the Association for promoting woman suffrage. She is a talented lady, and can present her cause ably and agreeably to the public. We sometimes incline to think that certain reforms had as well be granted at the outset, as they have a basis of right, and are sure ultimately to prevail. Many a wilder scheme than that of securing the right to women to vote has been successfully developed in this country, simply because it was founded in right. So far as the abstract merits of the question are concerned, the argument undoubtedly is with the suffragans, and just because this is the case, they will ultimately succeed. The advantages of delay and agitation, however, are that they serve to infuse the popular mind with the subject under agitation and to tone up the sense of the people. We are glad that the work of agitation, so natural and necessary, is committed to such able hands as those of Miss Hindman.

APROPOS of the unwise resolution of the Illinois Farmers' Convention, noticed by us yesterday, are two facts, each in its own way elucidating that complex question,—how shall we reduce railway charges? The farmers proposed to develop free trade; but owing to the high price of coal, strikes, and other causes, iron in England is as high as it is in this country. More than this, influences are at work which promise to entirely prevent European iron mongers competing with Americans for the control of our iron market. So the repeal of our tariff laws would not benefit, as was so rashly hoped. Massachusetts seems in a fair way, however, to furnish at least one solution of the difficulty. A company has been formed, with power to issue bonds, which shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. in gold, and no more. The proceeds of these are to be applied to the purchase of certain specified railroads, which are to be managed by a State Board of Directors, who shall appoint, outside of their own number, the officers of the road. It is estimated that in a given term of years enough money will be earned to liquidate the bonds, when the railroads referred to become the absolute property of the State. The rates of fare and freight are then to be reduced, so that the income will merely defray the current expense,—unless it should be deemed expedient to create a sinking fund to extend the system, in which event a trifle more than the amount necessary for expenses will be charged. We merely give the plan without criticising it, but it certainly is more feasible than that of the Illinois farmers.

THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

The Illinois Farmers' Convention, after several days' session, have finally adjourned. It promised, at the outset, to be an important affair, but the general impression is that it was finally overrun by politicians, and hobbyists of all kinds. Its leading resolutions were reconsidered, and the action of the Convention left in doubt. The aim of the farmers was to secure cheaper freights, and break up the system of discrimination, by which they are compelled to pay for short freightages more than is charged for long distances. The remedy proposed is, that the Legislature shall declare all railroads in the State public highways, and prohibit discriminating freight charges. It is claimed, and very justly, we think, that the Legislature has a perfect right to control what it has created, and that it can, on this theory, actually regulate all charges,—prescribing to the companies what they shall charge, per mile, for passengers, and the different kinds of goods. So far the Convention is clearly in the right. We suppose there is not, in the country, a more oppressive railroad corporation than the Illinois Central, which dominates the State under mention. It takes about two-thirds the market value of grain for transporting it to market.

But these gentlemen, whether under inspiration afforded by "paid agents of the railroads," who are said to have been present in considerable numbers, adopted a sweeping resolution, to the following effect:

Resolved, That we are in favor of the immediate repeal of the protective duties on iron, steel, lumber, and all materials which enter into the construction of railroad cars, steam-ships, sailing vessels, and agricultural implements, and that we urge Congress to take immediate action for this purpose; that cheap railroads and cheap ships are necessary to cheap freight, and that we invite the railroad companies to co-operate with us to that end.

This, as a remedy, is extremely absurd. It is, really, just what the railroad corporations desire. Yet it would afford little or no relief to the people. The chief difference it would make in the expense of constructing railroads, would be in the cost of rails; and the interest on this item represents the exact saving the companies would be willing to allow. It can be readily seen, that this would prove so trifling a sum, that no appreciable reduction of expense could be granted on this basis. More than this, such a resolution is illogical, and inconsistent with the other views expressed by the Convention. The whole tenor of their proceedings shows that they are of the opinion that the trouble is, the railroad corporations are overpaid now, whereas, if a reduction in the cost of building railroads is essential to cheaper rates, they cannot be fairly said to be overpaid at the present. The New York *Tribune* refers to this point in the following terms: "Of course, such a measure could never be adopted unless the country were prepared to abandon all protective duties whatever. Nor would it help the case of the grain-growers in the least. The declared object of the resolution is to enable the railway companies to build and equip cheap roads so that they can afford cheap freights. But the very point of the present agitation is that the roads can afford cheap freights now, and must be compelled to reduce their charges; that the tolls are unreasonable; that the grasping monopolies are filling their coffers at the expenses of the people; that the depots are growing too rich for the public safety. The farmers surely do not imagine that they will better their condition by giving the railroads more money. They complain now that the rates of transportation are out of all proportion to the cost of the service, and are regulated solely by the opportunity of the companies for levying contributions upon the community. That is the very essence of the system of discrimination; the railroad exacts the last penny it can get, without reference to the value of what it gives in return. It is absurd to imagine that the work would be done any more justly if we enabled it to be done cheaper. Free trade would not give us cheap railroads; it would only close our mines and stop our rolling-mills."

We looked forward to the Convention of the Illinois farmers as affording a starting point for reform; and while we do not doubt the sincerity of the majority of the members of that body, we are compelled to conclude, either that they were overslaughed by artful and designing men, or that they were not equal to the subject they took under discussion. Reform in railway management may be a very desirable thing; but it is not to be desired that the whole policy of protection should be thrown to the winds as a measure of reform. Nor, as we have pointed out, would any appreciable benefit result from the proposed measure. The Illinois Central, and other railroads, were built, and their tariff of charges established under the old Democratic free trade system. Yet the rates were made exorbitantly high. The trouble now is, that the export of grain has become an important interest; and the Illinois farmers imagine it overshadows every other.

THE CAUSE.

The criticisms of the press over the "Atlantic" disaster are naturally severe—it being felt that censure is deserving by some one—yet there seems a possibility that the items most generally dwelt upon may be explained so as to clear the White Star Company of blame. One of the items of criticism is the short supply of coal—though the agent of the company telegraphs from Liverpool that the Atlantic had the usual amount on board. The theory is now started, that owing to the high price of coal in England, an inferior quality has been put in the market, just as was done in this country during the war; and that consequently the quality which, at other times, was found more than sufficient to take a vessel to New York, now utterly fails to do it. We mention the point for what it is worth—only intimating that the enormous difference shown is hard to be accounted for in this way. The error in mistaking the Prospect for the Sambro light, no attempt is made to palliate. The recklessness in driving the vessel at full speed along a proverbially dangerous coast, seems to have been realized by the officers of the "Atlantic" before she struck. But the first officer, in charge of the deck, refused to be governed by the advice of others. We also have intimations that Captain Williams was not always sober. The New York *Times*, however, boldly charges on the White Star Company careless and recklessness. It says:

This reckless trifling with human life is unhappily not without its counterpart in the previous management of the White Star line. What company is it that builds steamers nearly eleven times as long as they are broad, and thus renders them unwieldy and dangerous in heavy weather, and so weak that in case of grounding they are morally certain to break up with frightful rapidity? What company is it that drives its ships through fog and storm at the height of their speed, on the dangerous northern passage that the ships of more carefully managed lines uniformly avoid? What company is it that but last December sent the Adriatic to sea with but one whole blade to her propeller? The company which has thus trifled with the lives of its passengers is that which owned the steamship Atlantic, now the coffin of over five hundred drowned corpses.

These questions carry the inference that the White Star Company has adopted a dangerous model, in order to gain speed, that it urges its vessels forward at reckless speed, and by the most dangerous route, and that it has sent its vessels to sea in bad repair. We have seen other criticisms based on the speedy sinking of the "Atlantic." To our mind, some of these are unjust. The uniform testimony of passengers has heretofore been that the vessels of the White Star Line are easily managed, and quite comfortable in a heavy sea,—which, if true, is a proof of sea worthiness. A vessel that will ride the seas easily, is relatively safe, and the fact that no disaster has come to the vessels of this line, heretofore, shows, we think, their general sea-worthiness. The rapid sinking of the "Atlantic," is attributed, by those on board, to the fact that the waves broke over and rapidly filled her. It is thought she is broken, near the foremast, but otherwise she is believed to be whole. The northern passage, while shorter, is generally regarded as dangerous, owing to the presence of icebergs, occasionally. Otherwise, we judge the management of the White Star line to be equal to that of other lines.

But while extravagant criticism should be avoided, there is room for censure at several points. These we have mentioned, and hope means will be taken to enforce remedies. The disclosures incidental to the "Atlantic" disaster clearly show that all the steamship lines are managed with more or less of recklessness. In one line it turns upon coal supply; with another, it may be the attempt to drive crazy tubs through the water at a greater speed than they will bear; with still others, vessels that should be condemned are sent out with hundreds of human beings on board. All of them should be rigidly watched. A proper standard of safety should be set up by legislators; then officers of unimpeachable, and unpurchasable integrity, should be provided to see that every satemer comes up to the standard.

RUSSIA AND ENGLAND.

Several years ago, a Hungarian traveler, Vambery, penetrated Turkestan, as far as Khiva and Bokhara, disguised as a Mohammedan pilgrim. His observations were published, comprising a very interesting work. It now turns out that the entire information possessed by English statesmen, of the region toward which a well-equipped Russian army is directing its course, is derived from the volume of Vambery's travels. Since his trip, very important changes have taken place,—the Khanates of Bokhara and Khokand having passed under Russian control. Their conquest was achieved under the same pretense as is now urged in favor of the Khivan campaign. At the time of Vambery's visit Russian trade had penetrated to the cities of Bokhara, Khokand and Khiva, and how much farther he did not know, as he went no farther than Khiva, but there was an intense feeling of jealousy and hostility on the part of the violent Mohammedans residing in these cities, against all outsiders. This feeling led to outrages on Russian traders, and this in return to the military occupation of the country by the Russians.

It is suggestive of the contrast, in enterprise and suggestiveness, in the policy of Russia and England, that while the Indian possessions of the latter extend to the borders of the intensely Mohammedan country, her statesmen are compelled to apply to the geographical society of St. Petersburg for information as to the extent and character of the neutral zone, which separates her Indian possessions from the Turkestan territory of Russia. Russia, as she advances, gathers up all the information obtainable as to the country and people beyond; England takes little thought of her neighbors, unless they are strong enough to command her fears. Russia is ambitious and aggressive. She has great schemes of aggrandizement, and is steadily pushing on toward the accomplishment of her ends. It was said of the first Napoleon that he first protected and then absorbed the weaker powers. Russia punishes and then annexes.

The real aim of Russia, however, may be conjectured, as regards this Khivan campaign, when it is remembered that a line of policy, once resolved upon, is adhered to by successive Emperors. The ambition of the Empress Catharine to possess Constantinople has been infused into the very life of the nation, and the present Emperor sedulously entertains this ambition as did its great originator. Russia has had relations with Khiva reaching back two hundred and seventy-three years. Peter the Great was solicited to maintain the supremacy of the reigning Khan against domestic feuds. After years of negotiation, Peter sent a force to erect a Russian fort on the Bay of Krasnavodsk, his leading idea being to gain commercial access to the gold mines of the upper Amou. The expedition proved a failure. Since then, attempts of various kinds have been made to establish peaceful relations with Khiva; but these failing, the present policy of absorption was adopted in 1868, and in 1870 Bokhara and Khokand were seized. In the light of this history, it is not hard to see the design of Russia, although the capture of Khiva will not be an immediate threat to England, as the neutral zone, separating the possessions of the two, will still be nearly three hundred miles broad.

There really should be no objection, on the part of England, to these advances. There is no reason why the territory of the two countries should not be contiguous. The Amoor separates the territory of Russia and China, yet the relations of the two powers are friendly. On the other hand, the region of country referred to is inhabited by the most intolerant people on the face of the globe. Mohammedan fanaticism is carried to the greatest excess, and the various tribes are wild and barbarous in the extreme. The effort of Russian rule will be to tame this wildness, and to raise the people in the scale of civilization. Her own rugged experience in acquiring the refinements of modern civilization makes Russia a good civilizer.

THE THREE RULES.

There seems to be a possibility of a new and acrimonious discussion, growing out of the Geneva arbitration, if not between the American and British Governments,—at least between persons sustaining important relations to each Government. It will be remembered that Chief Justice Cockburn published a dissenting opinion on the Geneva award, sustaining the English Government, and declaring her free from blame in the Alabama affair. Mr. Cushing, in a work just issued, attacks the Chief Justice quite harshly, although his work is professedly a history of the entire arbitration. Involved in the arbitration were, not only the settlement of the Alabama Claims, the northwest boundary, and Canadian fishing questions, but each of the powers were bound to submit to other maritime nations Three Rules contained in article VI. of the Washington Treaty. These are:

"A neutral government is bound—

"First—To use due diligence to prevent the fitting out, arming or equipping, within its jurisdiction, of any vessel which it has reasonable ground to believe is intended to cruise or to carry on war against a power with which it is at peace, and also to use like diligence to prevent the departure from its jurisdiction of any vessel intended to cruise or carry on war as above, such vessel having been especially adapted, in whole or in part, within such jurisdiction, to warlike use.

"Secondly, not to permit or suffer either belligerent to make use of its ports or waters as a base of naval operations against the other, or for the purpose of the renewal or augmentation of military supplies or arms, or the recruitment of men.

"Third, to exercise due diligence in its own ports and waters, and, as to all persons within its jurisdiction, to prevent any violation of the foregoing obligations and duties."

The subject came up in the British Parliament, a movement being made to oppose the presentation of the subject to other maritime powers, unless with an explanation of England's dissent therefrom. This debate developed quite clearly, that there is a wide diversity of opinion as to the meaning to be placed on the term "due diligence." Mr. Gladstone presented the view that the Geneva arbitration had established certain "important facts" which would have their weight in future decisions of the same nature. But he advocated the settlement of the more material points, involved in the Geneva arbitration, before undertaking to submit the Three Rules to other powers. This is equivalent to an indefinite postponement of the entire subject, so far as England is concerned. With it comes a discussion which makes it perfectly evident that the leading minds of England are opposed to these rules, and in substantial accord with Chief Justice Cockburn.

This renders the criticisms of Mr. Cushing particularly unfortunate, as they are evidently directed against the popular sentiment in England. Crimination is apt to produce recrimination, and the result will probably be to elevate the English Chief Justice in popular favor. This aside, and there are several difficulties in the way of such a presentation of these rules to maritime powers as will lead to their being of any value. For example, several prominent gentlemen, and particularly Mr. Forster, hold that England is only bound, as regards these rules, so far as her own statements, contained in her case, counter-case and summary, are concerned. Sir Stafford Northcote, it is true, illustrated the absurdity of this, by explaining that if England is governed thus, the United States might probably stand by its case, counter-case and summary, as giving the true interpretation of these rules, all of which would be absurd. Mr. Gladstone, however, gave the average English view when he said:

"Negatively, I agree with the right honorable gentleman: We recognize it as our duty to take care that, as far as we are concerned, these *dicta* of the arbitrators—these *obiter dicta* or *dicta incidentia*, are not allowed to enter into the question; but if he means that we are to place a substantive interpretation on the Three Rules—a comment to be framed on the text—then I say, first, that it is by no means implied in the motion; and, secondly, I think such a course would be open to considerable objection. How are you to offer along with Rules which are to form an international law a comment as to the light in which they are to be regarded? That comment must be of equal authority with the Rules themselves if it is to be of any value at all; and if it is to be of equal value with the Rules themselves it ought to constitute a portion of the Rules. That would be travelling back to where we set out from, and we should have to aim at an entire reconstruction of the Rules.

From all this it is easy to gather, that there will probably be a very earnest discussion between the two countries, relative to the manner in which the rules shall be presented, if presented at all. Our view will probably be in accord with the Geneva decision,—England's as above intimated. It is difficult to imagine an agreement, unless on a basis of simply submitting the rules, without note or comment. Yet here difficulties will arise,—as each of the powers in interest will insist that their's is the proper construction. The time is probably distant when the submitment will be made, and in the meantime we will hope that the two nations will be nearer each other in sentiment than they are at present.

FARMERS in California appear to be no better off in obtaining fair prices for their productions than those of Illinois and other northwestern States. A writer in the *Overland Monthly* says:—"Grain merchants, hucksters, middlemen, shippers, railroads, sack-makers, law-makers, assessors and tax collectors are the Apaches of California, and they strip the farmers. Ross Browne says he has seen wheat selling at 100 per cent. more than the farmer got for it; wine retailing at the hotels in San Francisco at $1.50 a bottle, while it sold at Los Angeles for 40 cents a gallon, or 8 cents a bottle; grapes sold at 8 and 10 cents a pound, while the producer got only 75 cents a hundred; and fruit thrown into the Bay of San Francisco, because the fruit-dealers could not get rid of it fast enough to keep it from rotting, at 5 cents a pound, while the fruit growers would be glad to sell it at $20 a ton."

MR. JOHN ROYER, an octogenarian compositor of Phœnixville, Pa., lately set up in forty minutes the subjoined modest contribution to the proposed type metal monument to the late Horace Greeley: "I was born in Limerick township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on February 22, 1793. I commenced my apprenticeship at Norristown in 1813. I served during the war of that period, and subsequently worked in Norristown, then again at Washington, Pottsville, Allentown, Philadelphia, and Phœnixville. In the four latter places I published newspapers. I have worked almost continuously at the printing business during those sixty-one years, and offer this my tribute of respect, as from probably the oldest printer in Pennsylvania to the erection of a monument to the memory of Horace Greeley, the greatest journalist America has ever produced.—JOHN ROYER."

THE Pennsylvania Senate contains 19 lawyers, 3 farmers, 1 manufacturer, 1 editor, 1 painter, 1 doctor, 1 banker, 1 conveyancer, 1 miller, 1 iron worker, 2 merchants, and 1 "gentleman." The House of Representatives is composed of 20 lawyers, 19 farmers, 12 merchants, 8 "gentlemen," 5 doctors, 4 lumber men, 3 real estate agents, 2 editors, 2 carpenters, 2 manufacturers, 2 coal operators, 2 clerks, 1 awning maker, 1 mechanic, 1 miner, 1 stone cutter, 1 brewer, 1 saddler, 1 politician, 1 machinist, 1 blacksmith, 1 bookkeeper, 1 railroad contractor, 1 printer, 1 tobacconist, 1 iron worker, 1 plumber, 1 bricklayer, 1 boat builder, 1 mining engineer, and 1 banker.

A FARMER'S daughter out West received a hairy poodle dog as a present from a friend in New York. The unsophisticated damsel wrote back thanking her friend for the present, and saying that she found it very handy, when tied to a stick, to clean the windows with.

STATE NEWS.

GEO. W. HORNER has been appointed postmaster at Millsboro, in Washington county.

THE Iron Banking Company was organized in Sharpsville last week, with a capital of $100,000.

JOSEPH W. REES has been appointed postmaster at Nineveh, Greene county, in place of W. Mankey, resigned.

LEMUEL LEGGETT has been appointed postmaster at Atchison, in Washington county, in place of George Keenan, resigned.

GEORGE HERRINGTON has been appointed postmaster at Willow Tree, Greene county, in place of Benjamin Worley, resigned.

JOHN W. HUGHES has been appointed as postmaster at Jefferson, Greene county, Pa., in place of J. F. McCullough resigned.

FRANK WELSH, son of Mr. James B. Welsh, of Chartiers township, Washington county, while chopping timber a short distance from his father's house a few days ago, was struck by a falling tree which broke one of his legs.

THE engineers are at work locating a new railroad through the northern part of Westmoreland county. It takes off the Pennsylvania Central at Moss Side Station, and up the Turtle Creek valley, and connects with the West Penn road at or near the mouth of the Conemaugh river, opposite Saltsburg.

LAST Saturday afternoon a man driving a mule team attempted to cross the railroad track at Irwin, Westmoreland county, between the front and hind parts of a broken train. The mule became stubborn and refused to go, and the train closed upon him, smashing his wagon and breaking his thigh and six ribs.

JOHN NOBLE, of Taylorstown, Washington county, while out along Buffalo creek in search of game a few days ago, shot a silver heron, one of the most beautiful of winged creatures. It is an exceedingly large specimen, measuring four feet six inches from the feet to the point of the bill and about five feet from tip to tip of its wings.

MRS. PETER YOUNG, of Monongahela City, who became demented through the ill-treatment and desertion of her husband, who was committed to jail a few days ago for attempting to take the life of her mother, was on Thursday last declared, by a commission, a fit subject for confinement in Dixmont, and on Saturday she was removed to that institution.

ON Monday afternoon, April 7th, Mr. Thomas Weston was drowned at Krider's dam, on Trout Run, Clearfield county. He was engaged in cutting off a log, which suddenly gave way and precipitated him into the stream. He tried to swim ashore, but failed in the attempt, and he sank beneath the surging waters to rise no more. His body had not been recovered at last accounts.

A GENERAL summary of the vote of the State shows the following aggregate result of the vote: Majorities in thirty nine counties against license, 34,808; majorities in two cities against license, 1,783; total majorities against license, 36,591; majorities in twenty-two counties for license, 41,399; majorities in fifteen cities for license, 19,355; total majorities for license, 60,754; majority for license in State, 24,163.

ON Thursday last, Ella, a little daughter of Emanuel Kuhns, of Ludwick, Westmoreland county, was badly scalded. She was standing near the cooking stove, out of which a foot dropped, causing the stove to tilt over. A small kettle of boiling water was upon the stove at the time, the entire contents of which were thrown upon the neck, arms and breast of the little girl. Her sufferings are very great, and may result fatally.

MR. TOYNBEE, who drowned himself in the Monongahela river at Bridgeport, on Monday last, was a large plethoric man, weighing, when in health, 250 to 260 pounds. He was a native of England, but has been a citizen of Brownsville for the last twenty years or more. He was a Yestryman in the Episcopal Church, and also a member of the Knights Templars, of the Masonic Order. He was fifty-seven years old.

A FATAL accident occurred at the Mt. Pleasant coal bank, near Sharpsville, owned by Kimberly & Filer, last Friday morning. It appears that Job Nailor and Benj. Clifton, employes of the bank, were engaged in making a new road through an old room. Nailor removed one of the old props, in order to make the passage, when a large portion of the roof, weighing two or three tons, became detached and fell upon him, killing him almost instantly. Levers were at once applied and the stone removed. After five minute's labor, they succeeded in extricating the body, which was terribly crushed. The men had tried the stone before Nailor removed the prop and thought it perfectly safe.

ON last Monday, March 31st, Mr. Andrew Loughman moved in a new house he had built last fall, on Mr. Arch Hull's place, on Job's Creek, Greene county. On Wednesday he was chopping a tree down that stood near the house. The tree leaned toward the house, and after cutting some on the lower side, he began on the upper side, when the tree began to fall, the trunk splitting up some twenty-five feet or more, and fell off to one side. It is supposed, for there was no one present, that the shivered part of the tree had grazed his face in its ascent, when he had clapped both hands to his face and seemed to be standing in a stooping position, and the tree in its descent had again struck him on the back of his neck and shoulders, killing him instantly. His neck was supposed to be broken. His back was broken in two places, and his leg in one. Mr. Loughman was about twenty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

THE FLOODS.

The New York Central Railroad Obstructed.

Inundation by the Giving Way of a Dam.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 9.—A dam at Ramshorn Pond, West Millbury, five hundred feet long, gave way early this morning, and the water swept through the valley in West Millbury, Auburn and the southern part of this city. At West Millbury Lambard's shingle yard was entirely destroyed, and two houses carried by the current a considerable distance. One was prevented going over the falls by being caught in trees. Gigg's tannery was nearly destroyed, and three bridges across the highway were washed away and the roads badly washed out. Larned's mill at Auburn is badly damaged and one hundred and fifty feet of track of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, with a stone bridge, are washed away. The low lands in the southern portion of the city are flooded, and the damage will be very heavy.

ALBANY, April 9.—The flood on the Central Railroad track west of here is causing serious damage to the business interests. No trains have reached this city since yesterday morning. The track from Shakers to Palatine bridge was entirely submerged in some places, to a depth of three feet, by ice and water. A freight train was thrown from the track above Shakers by a sudden settlement of the flood and a number of cars damaged. A large section of track is also reported washed away. No trains from west of Palatine bridge can pass the obstructions. A heavy passenger train left for the west at two o'clock this afternoon, in hopes of getting through all right.

ROCHESTER, April 8.—This evening at about 8:30 o'clock the foundation wall on the river side, on Front street, of the new city building for the Police and Fire Departments, went out, when about twenty or thirty persons were upon it looking at the river. It is estimated by an eye-witness that ten or fifteen were carried into the water, and swept over the falls. Only six are known to have escaped. Great excitement prevails and the police are in full force in the streets trying to prevent any further catastrophe.

Wilkesbarre Partly Submerged.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 9.—The Susquehanna rose to twenty-three feet above low water mark this morning. There is a continuous sheet of water between Pike's Hotel and the bridge, and boats can be rowed the whole distance. The river is now falling at Easton. The Delaware river is still two feet above low water mark, and rising.

People Moving from the Banks of the Susquehanna.

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—At Danville the river is very high and rising, also at Wilkesbarre. The Susquehanna is twenty-three feet high and rising. The people on the banks have been compelled to move.

Terrible Accident in Middletown—Fall of a Brick Building—Fifteen Men Buried in the Ruins.

NEW HAVEN, April 9.—A terrible accident occurred at Middletown. A 4:15 o'clock, the nearly completed brick building known as Shephard's Block, fell in, burying under the ruins some fifteen men. All business was suspended, and the people gathered at the spot and commenced the work of taking out the dead. Six bodies have been recovered up to the present. The following are the names: Elisur H Harrison, James Tyan, John Kelly, Owen Sullivan, E. Julius Phelps, and Joel Shephard. The latter is a brother of the builder. Two or three others received slight injuries.

Two ladies were passing when the accident occurred, but escaped without injury, as did also the owner and builder, who says he wishes he had been buried with the others in the ruins. Among the injured are John Keagan, leg broken, and Joseph Ireland, skull fractured. Butterfield L. Tuell received slight injuries. Alley and Bowles escaped unhurmed.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1873.

THE rumor of the destruction of the city of Salvador, in Central America, by an earthquake, was received, without particulars, however. It now is known that eight hundred persons perished, and twelve million dollars' worth of property is reported destroyed. The earthquake was followed by an extensive conflagration.

THE postal car question promises to be quite fully ventilated—the several railway companies being represented before the Committee of the Senate on the subject. The Postoffice Department has a representative also, who affirms that there has been an advance in compensation of from twenty to sixty per cent. since the new system went into operation.

GOOD FRIDAY was quite generally observed in this city yesterday, the banks and public buildings being closed, and the attendance at the church services quite large. The custom of observing religious and legal holidays is in every way commendable. We have so few of them that no complaint can fairly be made against the general observance of such as we have.

THE trip South, proposed by President Grant during the past Winter, he will take in May, visiting Richmond, and such Southern cities as he can on his return trip from the West. The tour will not be so extensive as at first proposed, but will serve to acquaint the President with the views of at least a portion of the people South, who may, in a sense, be representative of current political sentiment at the South.

THE railroad fight still continues in New Jersey. A new company has been organized under the law, entitled the "New Jersey Railroad Company," and has indicated its purpose to build a new road almost parallel with that of the National Company. The new company is, of course, in the interest of the Pennsylvania Central, and this new movement is the most dangerous to the interests of the Air Line, yet made. Out of all this controversy will come a sufficiency of railway accommodation between New York and Philadelphia.

WE elsewhere refer to the proposed migration of Mormons to Arizona, under the leadership of Brigham Young. He telegraphs, explaining the reasons of his resignation of church trusts, confirms the rumor of the purpose to colonize in Arizona, but claims that the object is to civilize the Apache Indians,—and invites all who will to come to Utah. In the light of purpose expressed to control the Apaches, we wish the Prophet good speed, as the particular tribe of Indians referred to have long been known as the dirtiest, laziest, and most worthless of all the Indian race.

THE discussion of the question of currency inflation seems to us ill-advised, at this time. We are confident that Secretary Richardson will refuse to take action on the subject, when the only result of a currency issue would be to aid the gold grabbers in Wall street. When the business interests of the country demand it,—as, for example, when the western crops are being moved, we believe the Secretary will cheerfully respond. But when artificial stringencies are created, and the available currency is used to buy and lock up gold, there ought not to be a response to the appeals that may be made. The gist of the present agitation on the subject is contained in this.

THE Emperor William, Prince Bismarck, and General Von Moltke will leave Berlin on the 25th inst. to visit the Emperor Alexander at St. Petersburg. These visits are very suggestive of alliances, either defensive or offensive. While the Emperors are socially chatting with each other, it is customary for the attendant diplomatists to be busy developing their political schemes. The fact that Bismarck and Von Moltke both attend the Emperor points to the belief that more than mere politics may be included in the programme. The movements of Russia towards England's possessions in India necessitates strong alliances near home. Visits such as are about to be exchanged, are generally useful in forming political and military combinations.

THE old leaven still works. The Philadelphia *Press* is out in a long article, severely criticising Governor Hartranft's vetoes, as not involving any well settled principle, and claiming that had he vetoed the Market street railroad bill, that would have embodied principle. We certainly wish he had vetoed the particular bill referred to by the *Press*, yet we cannot see any principle in such a veto more than there is in his vetoes of several charters. The *Press* limits its criticisms to one class of vetoes, while it is well known that several classes, involving many different elements of fundamental law, were embodied in the Governor's action. The assault of the *Press* on the very best features of the Governor's policy follows its repeated declaration that it had yielded its hostility since his election, and that it would sustain him in all right measures. The *Press*, with its violent hostility, can only charge against the Governor a single failure to interpose the veto power, as against vicious legislation—we regret that instance as much as any. But it is utterly unfair to belittle the value of his other vetoes. True, so far as the incorporation of manufacturing companies is concerned, it compels them to organize under the general law on the subject, which is not entirely satisfactory, yet the chief value of these vetoes was in preventing the mass of special legislation which otherwise would have been completed. More than this, it is in principle just, if we have general laws, covering any given subject, to enforce them. If those laws are defective, amend them. There may be special instances in which it is hard that persons who take stock in an incorporated company shall be responsible, in case of failure, for debts, beside losing their stock; but is it not wrong that parties entirely uninterested in a given experiment shall suffer? The Governor is in the right,—and the *Press* displays bad temper and worse taste in attacking him at this time.

THE MORMON EXODUS.

The proposed movement of the Mormons from the now rich and beautiful valley and city of Salt Lake, is commanding very general attention. Whatever may be the final action of Brigham Young, it is now generally accepted as true, that he purposes seeking a new location for his followers, and to maintain his supremacy over the Church. He has resigned his several trusts, but retains his position as head of the Mormon Church. It is believed that this will not limit his income, while it will relieve him of disagreeable responsibility. At the same time, it leaves him free to direct the migration that seems to have been resolved upon,—those now in trust for Mormon Church funds being responsible for property interests in Utah. Each of the Mormon settlements in Utah has been required to furnish its quota for the new colony to be formed at San Francisco Mountain. This is in Arizona, a little south of the Colorado Chiquito, or Flax branch on the Colorado. Near it are the ruins of ancient cities, concerning which such fabulous accounts were published a year ago. These accounts represented that there were relics which clearly proved that a colony of Egyptians had been established there, and that the various symbols of the ancient Egyptian worship were to be found, carved in stone. To this retreat Brigham Young proposes to take his faithful followers, that he may perpetuate the Mormon faith.

Young is very wealthy, the aggregate being estimated at from five to twenty millions of dollars. With this, it is thought, he purposes ultimately to purchase a large territory from Mexico, and there re-establish his Church. Various speculations are indulged, but nothing is really reliable, other than the purposed migration to Arizona. In the meantime Salt Lake will fall into Gentile hands, and will, in all probability, continue to prosper. In our view of the case, the Mormons deserve credit for the development of an arid waste into garden-like fertility and beauty; but their polygamic notions and practices are an offense, and as the Gentile population has weakened the hold of the ruler upon the membership of the Church, they remove to new scenes, and enter upon new labors in developing an almost unknown land.

SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY ROBBERY.

The utter loss of a box containing money and securities aggregating nearly a quarter of a million of dollars, is not merely a surprising, but a very discreditable occurrence. It is the more astonishing that this loss should occur in the simple transfer of a box containing these securities from a banking institution to a Safe Deposit Company. Nor does the explanation relieve the difficulty. This is to the effect that while the Deposit Company has certain hours within which to receive valuables, it infringed its own rules to accommodate certain banking institutions; that all boxes received within the regular hours are placed in one safe,—and those received afterward are placed in another and different safe. But not the slightest evidence is given that the box from the Odd Fellows' Bank was placed in any safe. The messenger of the Odd Fellows' Bank is, we presume to be believed, when he states that he delivered the box safely to the officers of the Safe Deposit Company. But the singular circumstance is, that none of these remember having received this particular box,—nor can they account for its departure. This is the worst phase of the affair. It proves either carelessness or a lack of safety, on the part of the latter institution. It is fair to presume that after regular hours, fewer boxes are brought in, than at any other time, yet the receipt of a particular box is not remembered! It is even more strange, that such a box should remain carelessly exposed, as some of the officials of the institution ought to have seen it. It is stranger still, if the box was placed in the safe, that it should have been extracted therefrom, and other boxes left. We presume the fact is, that gross carelessness, on the part of those intrusted with the personal receipt and guardianship of the precious package, occasioned the loss. It is certainly very unfortunate for the institution concerned,—as it will naturally affect its credit, to a greater or lesser extent, as a safe place for the deposits of valuables. In nothing is the public more sensitive than in the security of money and valuables,—and even unforeseen accidents, which could not be provided against, tell unfavorably on the institution which suffers them. We are far from charging criminal neglect on any one, as regards this transaction, but viewed in any light, it is certainly unfortunate.

THE proverbial person who is so mean as to steal pennies from the eyes of a dead citizen of African descent, would be at home among the directors of the Staten Island Ferry Company, or rather he would shine by contrast, as a noble-minded and generous man. This company, after having scalded and drowned nearly a hundred people, who trusted themselves on board the *Westfield*, refuse to pay damages for that slaughter, on the plea that the injured persons were violating the law against Sunday traveling. A list of the names of those who have authorized their counsel to make this infinitely contemptible defense, ought to be published, so that a monument to express the public estimation of them might be made. It is hardly propable that they will succeed in sneaking out of this responsibility by this plea, but they have at least succeeded in postponing the payment of any damages, and it was only on Thursday last that the case was reached by the Court of Appeals.—*N. Y. Times.*

COTOPAXI has actually been ascended at last. Dr. Reiss, a German savant, has successfully reached the summit of the mountain, where he enjoyed himself in a truly scientific way, and got his eyes filled with dust and sulphuric acid. His experience directly contradicted that of Humboldt, who held that at such a height as the summit of Cotopaxi breathing would become extremely difficult, and that no chlorides could be found in the crater, even if the ascent were made. Dr. Reiss not only found that he could breathe with ease and comfort at the highest elevation which he attained, but he found a large quantity of the chlorides, which, according to Humboldt, he had no right to find. He has, therefore, the double pleasure of ascending Cotopaxi and of contradicting Humboldt, and we may assume that his cup of scientific bliss is nearly full.

THE last English files contain the particulars of the trial at Durham of Mary Ann Cotton, the West Auckland poisoner, who, in order to obtain an insurance of from $35 to $50 on the life of each victim, poisoned during the last twelve years, three husbands, her mother, all her children and those of her husbands, numbering in all thirty persons. The woman Cotton appears in court with her two-months old child at her breast, the only one of her offspring that has been spared the fate of the others. The child was born in Durham prison since the incarceration of its mother a few months ago, and the name of its father is unknown. A description of Mrs. Cotton's personal appearance represents her as having a handsome and prepossessing face, and fine black eyes. There is no doubt of her guilt and of her certain conviction.

THE report, for 1872, of the trustees of the fund given by Mr. Peabody, the American banker, for furnishing houses for the English poor, gives some interesting facts. There are two trusts. The original fund of the first, £150,000, is increased to over £186,700. The net income, to be applied to new buildings and repairs, was for the year 1872 £3,810, the expenditure £2,486. The second trust now holds a total of £328,000; to be increased £150,000 the present year by the terms of Mr. Pesbody's will. The net profit for last year was £7,367, the expenditures £1,102. The number of families housed in the present accommodations is about 850, including nearly 3,500 persons. The average weekly earnings of the heads of these families was about £5.62. The average rent was about $1.

ANOTHER crew of foolhardy men intend to put their lives against a momentary fame. As the Atlantic has been traversed in its length, and once or twice in its depth, by persons who have attempted the voyage in vessels of a few tons burden, so the Pacific, it is said, is about to be crossed by a mere cockle-shell, the Dolphin, of thirty feet in length, ten feet wide and three feet three inches depth of hold. The Dolphin will make the voyage to Japan under a Captain Davis, with a crew of four men, and, we presume, a dog. It is singular, but a dog always goes on such voyages. The captain expects to be on the sea about six weeks.

THE cotton crop continues to come in in great volume, the total receipts thus far this year being much in excess of the receipts for the corresponding period of last year. Thus from Sept. 1, 1872, to March 31, 1873, the total receipts have been 3,011,056 bales, whilst for the similar period of 1871-2 the receipts were but 2,427,947 bales. The weekly receipts at present are more than one-third in excess of the weekly receipts at this time last year. There is no longer any doubt that the cotton crop of 1872 was largely in excess of the previous year's crop, and the marked increase in the supply is having its effect on the cotton markets of the world.

THOMAS B. CALDWELL, a $1,600 clerk in Washington, lately deceased, was a cousin of Oakes Ames, and his wife a cousin of Henry Wilson.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PRESIDENT AND MANAGERS
OF THE
Allegheny Valley Railroad Company.

To the Stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company:

GENTLEMEN—Your managers respectfully submit to you the following statements and report of the business of your railroad during 1872:

The earnings and expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1872, were as follows:

The receipts were:

From Freights	$1,584,317 20
" Passengers	582,789 14
" Express	12,000 00
" Mail	22,505 20
" Rents	4,353 67
" Miscellaneous	82,244 12
Total	$2,239,159 33

The expenses were:

For conducting transportation	$ 830,846 53
" Motive Power	352,604 84
" Maintenance of way	341,622 59
" Maintenance of cars	118,971 18
General expenses	134,430 73
Total	$1,278,475 82

It will be perceived, from the above statements, that the gross earnings for the year ending December 31st, 1872, were $2,239,159 33

The operating expenses for the same period were. . . 1,278,475 82

Leaving the net earnings of your road for 1872. . . $ 960,683 51

Showing an increase over the previous year of . . . $ 127,621 03

It will be perceived that the net earnings for the year 1872, (amounting to $960,683.51,) are amply sufficient to pay the annual interest on the entire bonded debt of both the Allegheny Valley and Low Grade Roads, although *no* income has yet been received from the latter road.

The expenses of working the road have been 57 1-10 per cent. of the gross earnings, being an increase on last year, caused principally by the unusual severity of the winter.

It will be observed that the Company has been called upon to make large expenditures during the past year for the equipment and operating of your road, and for construction and maintenance of way, for the details of which you are referred to the full and satisfactory reports of the General Superintendent and Chief Engineer.

The bonded debt of your company remains, without material change, as set forth in the last report published by your Board. For full details thereof you are referred to the reports of the Treasurer and Auditor, which are herewith submitted.

A large amount of construction work has been done along the line of the road during the past year.

The work done embraces the completion of a double track, wrought iron Linville Truss Bridge over the Kiskiminitis, 726 feet in length, being a substantial structure, highly creditable to the Keystone Bridge Company, which erected bridge and superstructure; the building of a double track Boiler Plate Bridge of two spans, over Plum Creek; important repairs upon the bridge crossing the Allegheny River, at Brady's Bend; masonry, consisting of arched culverts and box culverts; grading for depots, sidings, &c.; the building and extension of passenger, freight and water stations; the replacing of trestlework with solid embaukment; the erection of turn tables at Clarion Bridge and South Oil City; almost the entire rebuilding of the important bridge spanning the Allegheny river at Oil City; the laying down of about 11 miles of siding connected with the main line; the distribution and laying down of a large quantity of new rails, together with various other minor improvements found to be necessary in order to add to the safety of transit over your road.

The increasing tonnage upon your road demanding greater facilities than it is possible to provide over a single track,—your managers thought proper to direct that another track should be constructed from Pittsburgh to the mouth of Red Bank,—there connecting with the Low Grade road.

The additional track thus authorized has already been completed from Pittsburgh to Hulton,—a distance of 12 —— miles, and that portion of this second track extending from Hulton to Red Bank, has been put under contract, and will be built as rapidly as the means of your company will permit.

The location of the Plum Creek branch was commenced late in the summer of 1871, and completed in December of that year.

Leaving the main line of the Allegheny Valley Railroad at Verona, the route of this branch passes up the valley of Plum Creek, through valuable coal fields in Penn township.

The main track was completed to the first coal works, and sidings laid, so that coal was regularly shipped therefrom, on and after the 1st of October, 1872. The total length of the line and sidings finished is 9 3-10 —— miles.

Located and built in order to reach and develop valuable coal mines, this branch already gives satisfactory promise of fair profits in the future upon the cost of its construction.

During the summer of 1872 it became known to your Board, that the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company was willing to dispose of a controlling interest which it held in the stock of the Oil Creek & Allegheny River Railway Company,—and had already commenced negotiations for the sale of the same to a rival Company.

Impressed with the great importance of preventing this stock from passing into the possession of parties whose interests might be adverse to your Company, the President immediately opened negotiations for its purchase.

And, on the eighth day of August last a contract was closed, whereby the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company became owner of a sufficient amount of stock to give your Company control of the Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railway, and it is now operated by your Company.

By the purchase thus made your Company is effectually protected from all prejudicial interference by rival interests, in the future management of the Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railway.

BENNETT'S BRANCH, OR THE LOW GRADE ROAD.

The route selected for the Low Grade Road, starts from the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad at Driftwood, crosses the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnamahoning at that place, and the Bennett's branch 1¼ miles from Driftwood, and follows along the hills on the south side of the valley, passing through Caledonia Point 22½ miles from Driftwood, by a tunnel 425 feet long, crosses the Bennett's branch twice on Section 25, and continues along the south side of the valley to the Summit, on Section 39, where it passes through the hill which forms the dividing ridge between the Susquehanna and Allegheny Rivers, by a tunnel 1,950 feet long.

At this point the elevation of the road bed is 1,440 feet above tide level.

From the Summit westward the road follows Sandy Lick Creek to Brookville, passing through the point of hill at that place, by a tunnel 780 feet long, and thence continues down Red Bank Creek to the junction with the Allegheny River, where the line connects with the Allegheny Valley Railroad, a distance of 110 miles from Driftwood. There is a tunnel 505 feet long at Anthony's Neck, on Sec. 92, and one 600 feet through Long Point, on Sec. 1.

In June, 1871, contracts were made with responsible parties for the graduation and masonry of the heavier sections of the work, which were commenced at once; and from time to time the remaining sections have been placed under contract, as the progress upon the heavier work made it advisable. The Summer and Fall of 1871 were very favorable for putting in the foundations for bridges, the season being dry and the streams very low. This part of the work was pushed rapidly.

The large amoudt of railroad construction going on throughout the country during the past two years made labor scarce and high-priced, and much difficulty has been experienced in keeping a sufficient force upon the work. A portion of the line is also difficult of access, making it necessary to haul feed, provisions, tools, &c., a distance of from 15 to 40 miles from the railroad stations at Mahoning, Clearfield and St. Mary's. But notwithstanding the difficulties of the position in which our contractors were placed, they have generally made good progress with their work.

On December 31st, 1872, all the masonry between the Summit and Allegheny river was completed, except at one bridge east of Brookville, which would require about three weeks to finish, when the weather should be favorable. East of the Summit all foundations are in, and two months in the spring will complete the masonry.

From the Allegheny river eastward the graduation was practically completed for 35 miles, to "Knapp's Loop," and from thence to the Summit tunnel, the grading is so far advanced that it can be finished in advance of the track laying.

The bridges on this portion of the road are mostly framed and raised, and the material for the balance is being delivered and framed, for raising as the track advances.

The track laying is now in progress, about 30 miles being already laid from the main line of the Allegheny Valley Railroad eastward.

Satisfactory progress has been made upon the Summit Tunnel, it being nearly ready for arching; and that part of the work will be done as soon as the track is laid to that point. No good building stone being found in the neighborhood of this tunnel, it became necessary to procure stone suitable for arching at a point some distance west of the Summit. Fully one-half of the stone required for the arching of this tunnel are quarried, dressed and ready for putting in place as soon as transportation can be furnished.

East of the Summit there are several heavy points, which will not be completed before next Fall.

There is now a good force of laborers on the line and the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

The 18 miles between Benezette and Driftwood has been trimmed up and ballasted; the bridge superstructure has been erected and the track is now being laid.

All rock—thorough-cut, and tunnels, have been excavated for double track, the bridges, arched culverts and masonry, are all for double track, and waste material has been so distributed along the embankments as to make a considerable portion of the line suitable for a double track.

There are on the line of the road thirty-one truss bridges of various sizes, and a considerable number of arched culverts and small bridges; and all the masonry is of the very best description.

The road is being built in the most substantial manner; it is well ballasted with broken stone; the cross ties used are oak; and the iron rails which are being laid, are sixty-four pounds to the yard, put together with fish-spliced joints.

The prospective advantages and value of your line known as the Low Grade Road, cannot be set forth in more forcible language than that recently used by J. Edgar Thomson, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a gentleman of great experience and unrivaled judgment in the building and management of railways.

Speaking of your Low Grade Road, he says: "This line has no gradients against the traffic exceeding a rise of three-tenths in a hundred, or less than sixteen feet in a mile on straight lines, reduced proportionately on curves. Its route abounds through its whole extent with cheap fuel, consisting of varieties of bituminous coal in unusually thick beds, embracing the best coking coals for iron smelting, blacksmith, gas coal, and cannel coal—the latter being the most accessible, of that variety to the eastern markets." * * "When completed, and its connections made with the west, it will be possible for freights to be carried (over this road) at cheaper rates than they can be conveyed by any of the proposed canals between the Mississippi valley and the east."

Your Managers think that they will be ready to open that portion of your road extending from the mouth of Red Bank to New Bethlehem, a distance of twenty-one miles, by the middle of April.

They expect to reach Brookville, a further distance of about twenty miles, by the first of June, and the Summit tunnel, a further distance of twenty-four miles, by the first of July; and they hope to complete the line through to Driftwood, where it connects with the the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, by the middle of September or the first of October, 1873.

Your Managers cannot close their Report without expressing satisfaction at the earnest endeavors made by each head of department in your company's organization, to discharge to the fullest extent the duties which they severally owe to your company.

By order of the Board,

WM. PHILLIPS, President.

OFFICE OF THE
ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD CO.,
PITTSBURGH, April 8, 1873.

CURIOUS TABLES have recently been published in reference to the quantity of precious metals now in circulation. In 1848, there were in circulation $2,855,000,000 of gold and $6,030,000,000 of silver, making a total of $8,915,000,000. From 1849 to 1857 the production of gold was enormous, owing to the discoveries in California and Australia, the yield of gold during these nine years amounting to $1,200,000,000, distributed as follows: California, $550,000,000; Australia, $340,000,000; Russia, $135,000,000; India, $100,000,000; Mexico and Peru, $90,000,000; and Gold Coast, $35,000,000. This brought up the entire total of gold to $4,085,000,000, while the production of silver was only $435,000,000, making an entire total of silver of $6,465,000,000. From 1857 to 1871 the increase in gold was $1,940,000,000, making a total of $6,025,000,000; the increase in silver during the same period amounted to $675,000,000, making a total of $7,140,000,000. The value of both gold and silver in circulation in 1871 amounted, therefore, to $13,165,000,000, the proportion but ten the metals being $6 gold to $7 silver.

IT is a singular fact that the American sewing machines sell for nearly fifty per cent. less in England than they do in this country. A machine which sells here for sixty-five dollars, sells for seven pounds, or about thirty-five dollars, there, and other machines in the same ratio. This difference is owing to a combination among the manufacturers, by which all the parts of the machines are kept covered with patents in this country, and so the prices are kept up. In England, not being able to avail themselves to the same extent of the patents, they are obliged to put the prices down. Most of these patents will expire during this year, and a great effort will be made to have them renewed when Congress meets next winter. If they are not renewed, as it is to be hoped they will not be, the prices of sewing machines will decline probably one-half.

THE latest and most important discovery in the etiology of mental disease comes from Maine, where it is stated in print that a young woman has been "rendered insane by impure vaccine matter." In future murder trials, therefore, it will be unnecessary to introduce tedious testimony as to the occurrence of epilepsy in the culprit's great grandmother's third cousin, or any of the other customary medico-legal complications.

A MAN in Methuen, Mass., who is selectman, assessor, overseer of the poor, town treasurer, collector, constable, town clerk, member of the school committee, deacon of the church, and administrator of several estates, is not yet satisfied, and wants to be elected to the Legislature.

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What the Bible Has to Say About It.

Genesis, 9:6—Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made He man.

Exodus, 21:12—He that smiteth a man so that he die shall surely be put to death.

Leviticus, 2417—And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.

Numbers, 35:30—Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death, etc.

Numbers, 35:16—And if he smite him with an instrument of iron so that he die, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

Numbers, 35:17—And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

Numbers, 35:18—Or if he smite him with a hand weapon of wood werewith he die, and he die, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

Numbers, 35:20—But if he thrust him of hatred or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die, (21) or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die, he that smote him shall surely be put to death, for he is a murderer; the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meeteth him.

Numbers, 35:31—Moreover, ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

Numbers, 35:33—So ye shall not pollute the land where ye are, for blood it defileth the land, and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed thereon but by the blood of him that shed it.

Numbers, 35:34—Defile not, therefore, the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell, for I the Lord dwell among the children of men.

Deuteronomy, 27:36—Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them, and all the people shall say Amen.

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OFFICE OF
TREASURER OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE 21st SECTION of an Act relative to Allegheny County, approved the 1st day of May, 1861, and of the amendment of said section, approved the 30th day of March, 1866. I do hereby give notice that the Duplicates for the several Wards, Boroughs, and Townships will be open, and I will be prepared to receive the

County, State, Poor and Work House Taxes for 1873,

On and After the 1st Day of May, 1873.

Said Taxes can be paid at this office until the 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, with a

Deduction of Five Per Cent.

For Prompt Payment to all persons paying the whole amount of their Taxes.

There will be no deduction allowed during the month of August.

THERE WILL BE

Ten Per Cent. Added

To all Taxes remaining unpaid on the 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1873.

SAMUEL KILGORE,
Treasurer of Allegheny County.

PITTSBURGH, April 1, 1873. d&s

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At 37½ and 50 and 75c., especially desirable on account of Finish and Color.

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New Spring Dress Goods,
Opening Every Day, in all the new Designs and Colorings.

We are selling extra Bargains in
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Very Choice Styles and Elegant Quality.

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Marbleized Slate Mantles,
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MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTLES,

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I am now manufacturing and offer for sale the most desirable patterns and best finished Mantles ever offered in this market.

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The most powerful heating grate in use, burning the gas and smoke, and saving from forty to fifty per cent. of fuel.

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HALIFAX.

Among the Dead.

NEW YORK, April 8.—A newspaper correspondent who went down into the wreck of the Atlantic, yesterday, says that the hull of the vessel is broken in several places, and that the cargo had broken bulk, with the bodies of men and women jammed among the cases and crates. Limbs are strewn around, broken from the bodies by the continual action of the water. At the companion way of the steerage were a hundred or more bodies lying in a confused heap, some dressed, but many half nude. Children were clinging to mothers and husbands to wives. Bodies of men, old and young, were together on the stairs, with distended nostrils, gaping mouths and staring, glassy eyes, giving some idea of their horrible death in struggling to gain the deck. In the sleeping apartments were a number of bodies of men with bed clothing strewn among them. The broken stanchions and jagged, splintered woodwork had torn the flesh from the faces of many, and others are bruised and battered about their heads, which are red and bloody, contrasting horribly with the features of others.

HALIFAX April 8.—William Patterson, fourth engineer of the Atlantic, who had charge of the engine at the time of the disaster, testified today that the lowest pressure during the night of the disaster was thirty-six pounds, which was between twelve and three o'clock. The speed increased, and there was fifty pounds pressure on the gauge at the time she struck. He testified to seeing the engines reversed, steam shut off, and the safety valve opened.

Brady, third officer, was recalled and testified to having received a master's certificate, and been in command of steamers sailing out of Liverpool. He said the greatest speed of the Atlantic under steam and sail was thirteen knots per hour.

Captain Mulligan, of the steamer Carlotta, which runs between Portland and Halifax, testified. He arrived at Halifax on the night before the disaster to the Atlantic. The early part of the night was thick weather, but subsequently became clearer, and could see lights as he entered the harbor; considers Sambro light a treacherous one as to distance; can see it twelve miles in clear nights; always remains in the pilot house after sighting Sambro light till he reaches Halifax.

Adjourned to Thursday.

The Atlantic Disaster—Five More Bodies Recovered.

HALIFAX, April 9.—Five bodies were recovered from the wreck to-day, four steerage passengers and a sailor, all unrecognized.

Divers at Work.

A plate was removed from the vessel's side, but it opened into the coal bunker, and was of no advantage. The divers continue to work, but will not do much until the arrival of New York wreckers.

Stolen Articles Recovered.

Detectives searched some of the houses in the vicinity of the wreck to-day and discovered a few stolen articles.

Smuggling Stories to be Investigated.

The Collector goes down to the wreck to-morrow to investigate the smuggling stories and take full charge of affairs on behalf of the Government.

The Court of Inquiry Postponed.

The Court of Inquiry will be postponed until Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Ancient.

Rev. Mr. Ancient takes charge of the burial of all except those who are identified as Catholics and taken to the Catholic cemetery at Torrence Bay. He assists at grave digging, covering bodies in boats and reads the burial services.

The "Atlantic" Disaster.

HALIFAX, April 10.—Two schooners arrived this morning with a lot of goods saved from the wreck of the Atlantic.

The Collector of Customs went down to the wreck to-day. There is a strong southeast wind and rain, with a heavy sea, which is bad for the wreck.

SPICE MILLS ABLAZE.

Fire in the Extensive Warehouses of Arbuckle & Co. on Liberty Street.

The alarm of fire from box 31, at seven o'clock last evening, was occasioned by a fire being discovered in the extensive spice mills and grocery house of Messrs. Arbuckle & Co., on Liberty street and Strawberry alley. The Department promptly responded to the call, but owing to several of the hose bursting, a somewhat scant supply of water, and the numerous obstructions in the alley, it was some time before the fire could be got at, and it had gained considerable headway in consequence. The fire originated in the roasting and grinding mill, a large four story brick building back of the warehouse, on Church alley. When the department had got fairly to work it was found that with the force of engines on the spot, and the combustible nature of the material in the buildings, the danger to surrounding property was too great. Another alarm was struck, bringing to the spot additional engines. The fire with great difficulty was confined to the building in which it originated and which was completely gutted. This building contained eight large coffee roasters, and the various adjunct machinery used in grinding coffee and spices. It also contained a bin, which had just been filled, which held fifteen hundred sacks of green coffee. Besides this, a large spice cellar is also in the building, filled with and materials on the ground floor. What the loss is or will be, the firm cannot as yet determine, as their packing house and storage department was largely damaged by water. This building is immediately below the one consumed, and is only divided by a fire wall. This is probably all that saved it, though at one time the upper story was on fire. The fire at one time looked very threatening, the wind was blowing a gale from the southwest, driving the flames down upon several frame buildings on Strawberry alley, but the firemen were equal to the occasion, and each man worked with a will to save all he could. The excitement in the neighborhood was very great, as Strawberry alley is occupied by numerous houses which were in immediate danger. The police under Lieut. Hyer materially aided the firemen in their work by keeping back the crowd, who had hastened to the spot. As the flames shot up luridly illuminating the sky. The firm can not form an estimate of their loss. The building was owned by them. The loss on it will probably foot up between five and six thousand dollars. All their machinery will probably prove a total loss. Their stock and buildings are covered by insurance in thirty different companies, both eastern and foreign. The fire will only delay them a few days, as the firm will immediately replace their machinery and rebuild.

INDIANA AT BUENA VISTA.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

In to-day's GAZETTE there is a notice of the recent death of Col. C. W. Bowles, of Indiana, who commanded the 2d regiment of that State in the battle of Buena Vista. You remark that the State was disgraced by that regiment.

I have always been in political opposition to Colonel Bowles, but I hesitate not in saying that he did his whole duty in the battle of Buena Vista. Of the 2d regiment, I say in the most positive terms that it did not disgrace Indiana, nor was the State disgraced in that battle by any of its troops.

Whenever the GAZETTE, or any military gentleman, may find time to review the evenis of that battle, I will maintain:

1st. That General Taylor should have been court martialed for his conduct in the battle of Buena Vista.

2d. That the retreat of the Second Indiana regiment saved the battle to our arms.

3d. That the slaughter of the Kentucky troops at the close of the battle was not a necessary part of the military operations of that battle, and was no wise a result of the retreat of the Second Indiana. LEWIS ROLLMAN.

Monongahela City, April 7, 1873.

Drs. Oldshue's Letter of Instruction to Patients.

We are constantly receiving letters, from all parts of the country, requesting information respecting our system of practice, and the course of proceedings necessary to obtain from us a medical diagnosis, or medicines.

The facilitate the matter of answering these letters, and to make plain the conditions by which we obtain a thorough, scientific and correct diagnosis from ocular, chemical, and microscopic examination of the urine, we would say:

In collecting a specimen of urine, for analysis, take that first passed in the morning, or immediately after sleep.

No other kind will be examined.

Send about *two ounces* in a clean vial. A less quantity than two ounces cannot be well tested.

Always give the *name* of the patient in *full*.

Be sure to give the *age* of the patient.

Without knowing the age, we will neither examine the specimen nor give medicines.

Unless the above instructions are strictly followed, no attention will be paid to the case.

Specimens of urine can be sent by express (but not by mail) from any part of the United States, and medicines can be obtained by the same conveyance.

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A Pastor Installed.

Last evening a large congregation assembled in the Second U. P. Church, Allegheny, to participate in the exercises connected with the formal installation of the new Pastor, the Rev. W. H. McMillen. In addition to the members of the church and other visitors present there was a very full representation of members of the Presbytery, under whose auspices the services were conducted. The session was preached by the Rev. M. Reed, the address to the people given by the Rev. Mr. Brandon, and that to the pastor by the Rev. J. T. Cooper, D.D., all in accordance with the ritual of the Church, and followed by the fraternal greetings between pastor and people, which was the last and perhaps in all respects the most generally interesting and thoroughly enjoyable feature of the occasion. The Reverend gentleman received every indication of the sympathy and hearty cordiality of his people, and with such assurances of esteem and good fellowship certainly commences his new pastorate under favoring auspices.

12 Samples sent by mail for 50 cts., that retail quick for $10. R. L. Wolcott, 181 Chatham Square, N. Y. 619-lyM.

Notice in another column, advertisement about Iowa and Nebraska Lands.

FIRE AT M'KEESPORT.

The National Tube Works Destroyed.

The Fire Caused by an Accident—One Man Killed—Buildings Burned and Machinery Damaged—Great Excitement in the Town.

The destructive fire at McKeesport, by which the National Tube Works were entirely consumed, was reported in the GAZETTE of yesterday, though at that time it was impossible to obtain any very reliable information in regard to the insurance and some other details, though the loss, which we placed at $200,000, is correct according to later estimates. The loss on the buildings it is estimated will reach $200,000 The firm are insured for $100,000, of which amount $140,000 was placed by Messrs. Coffin & Kellogg, insurance agents, at Third avenue and Wood street, as follows:

Franklin, Philadelphia, $5,000; Phœnix, Brooklyn, $5,000; Royal, Liverpool, $10,000; Imperial, London, $10,000; Ætna, Hartford, $10,000; Orient, Harford, $5,000; Alps, Erie, $5,000; Standard, New York, $5,000; Connecticut, Hartford, $8,000; Penn, Pennsylvania, $5,000; L. L. & Globe, England, $5,000; Commerce, Albany, $2,500; National, Hartford, $5,000; American, Philadelphia, $2,500; Lorillard, New York, $5,000; Commercial Union, London, $5,000; Narragansett, Providence, $5,000; German, Erie, $5,000; Republic, New York, $5,000; Howard, New York, $5,000; Lancashire, Manchester, 13,000; Fireman's Fund, California, $5,000; State, Missouri, $5,000; Am. Central, St. Louis, $5,000; Black River, New York, $5,000; Artizans', Pittsburgh, $5,000; Pittsburgh, $5,000; Citizens', Pittsburgh, $2,500. The remainder of the insurance, $60,000, was in Pittsburgh offices. The Enterprise, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Fortuna, City, Peoples', and Allemania, being among the number.

As previously stated Fire Marshal Butler remained in McKeesport on Wednesday night to conclude his investigation. He returned yesterday morning, having finished taking the testimony, though without any satisfactory result, except to establish the fact that the building was very insecure and dangerous. E. C. Dodge, a carpenter employed at the Works as foreman, testified that he had charge of fifteen men on Wednesday, who were engaged in making repairs thought necessary to secure the roof. He heard a cracking of the timbers, and, after giving a warning to the workmen, escaped from the building just as the walls fell. He said at first that he considered the building safe until within the last few days, and that the employees had no apprehensions of its safety. He afterwards stated, according to the testimony as reported for the Marshal, that he considered the building insecure last winter, and that some of the beams were sprung at that time.

Mr. George Mattherson, Superintendent of the establishment, testified that he had noticed a slight sping in the upper part of one of the trusses ever since the structure was first built. He had telegraphed to Messrs. Boyd & Sons the the builders, to come up and make an examination, so that the young could be satisfied as to make. In the meantime he had ordered the carpenters to put in the timbers and braces as a precautionary measure, although he thought the building was safe enough, until the repairs could be made. The main building, he stated, was two hundred and eighty-five feet long and one hundred and sixty feet wide, and that the most important part of the machinery thereto was destroyed with it. The blacksmith shop, a building one hundred and thirty by thirty-five feet in size, was also destroyed, as well as the building over the gas producer. The storehouse, one hundred and sixty by twenty feet, was also destroyed; it was full of valuable stores. The total value of the buildings, stock and machinery, he estimates at $500,000, but could not give any definite statement until the machinery was examined and the stock received from the East. This was in substance all that was learned by the investigation, and it seems to indicate that the building was very poorly put up, as if only intending to serve temporarily, and without the very important consideration that hundreds of lives would be in jeopardy by such false notions of economy. What is to become of the matter, whether it will be continued until the guilty parties are exposed or be dropped altogether is not as present known.

THE "ATLANTIC" SHIPWRECK.

A Pittsburgher's Experience—How He Escaped—The Account of What He Saw and Suffered—The Conduct of the Crew and Officers—Some New Facts in the Thrilling Affair.

However thrilling the story of the terrible shipwreck of the Atlantic may be when one sits down dry and comfortable, free from the unpleasantness of being soaked in salt water, and reads it from the papers, the effect is but feeble in comparison to that experienced when listening to the terrible tale of suffering and death, related by one who participated in and was a witness to the whole horrible affair. Mention has been previously made in the GAZETTE of the fact that Mr. Thomas Booth, of this city, was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer, and with remarkable good fortune landed safe from the wreck. Mr. Booth's brother, George Booth, Esq., the well-known clerk in the City Engineer's office, visited New York to meet his brother, and yesterday morning the two returned to this city.

Mr. Booth was scarcely in an "interviewable" mood yesterday, as he has by no means recovered from the terrible effects of those long hours in the cold salt water. Besides, he said, he had been almost eaten up by the irrepressible night drivers of the New York dailies, who attacked him in force as soon as he set foot upon the shore. Mr. Booth, however, was induced to relate to a GAZETTE reporter

THE STORY OF THE SHIPWRECK.

"When the ship struck," said Mr. Booth, "I was in my bunk in the forward part of the ship. As my feet were towards the bow, I was suddenly thrown in a heap to the foot of the bunk. I had known that we were to put into Halifax for coal, as indeed did all the passengers, and my first thought was that the anchor had been dropped and the ship was in port. The peculiar grating sound I then took to be the chain rubbing against the side of the ship. The second time the vessel struck, however, I became aware of the awful calamity. Hastily putting on my shoes and coat I started to go to the forward part of the ship, but I found all the passengers crowded together in the cabin doorway, which was wide enough to admit but one person at a time, was almost completely blocked. Having at last got on deck I proceeded to assist in clearing away a lifeboat. The boat was filled with passengers before the ropes could be cut, but Captain Williams ordered them out.

Reporter—"It is reported that Capt. Williams said at the same time that that boat was for saloon passengers alone. Did you hear him?"

Mr. Booth—"I have heard that statement made, but I did not her the Captain say anything of the kind. The passengers had all left the boat that were waiting for the remaining rooms to be cut, when the vessel careened and the heavy life boat swung with terrible force against the crowd who were partially waiting to be carried safe to shore. About thirty of them were

SWEPT INTO THE SEA,

and almost immediately drowned. Finding the life boat of no avail I turned my attention to seeking a safe place in the rigging. Here I remained for two hours drenched to the skin. A woman whom you remember was frozen to death in the rigging. That was one of the most affecting sights I witnessed during the whole dreadful affair. The husband of the unfortunate woman, with whom I was personally acquainted, was with her, but she insisted that nothing could be done for her, and urged him to save himself and leave her to her fate."

Mr. Booth described his reaching the shore by means of a rope, and going from there to the main shore, in a thrilling manner. While lying upon the shore, in a half unconscious state, he scarcely knew whether he was living or dead, nor did he seem to care. When picked up by some sailors and taken into a fisherman's cottage he was quite insensible. He was kept there for a day and night, and when he recovered sufficiently to go to New York, were he met his brother, with whom, as already stated, he came to this city.

Reporter—"What is your opinion of

THE OFFICERS?"

Mr. Booth—"I think that Captain Williams is a very inferior seaman, and all the rest of the passengers seemed to think the same. He seemed more fond of promenading with the ladies in the saloon than attending to his duty. The first officer, who was with me in the rigging, kept up an almost continual blubbering, and earned a reputation as a thorough coward. The fact that he is a relative of one of the principal owners of the Allen line, however, no doubt, is having the position. The third officer, Brady, seemed to be the most thorough sailor on board the vessel."

BREVITIES.

.....The liabilities of the Messrs. Woods, who have filed their petition in bankruptcy, are set at $2,300,000, and their assets at $3,000,000.

.....Tim McCarty, a laborer employed on the C. & P. R. R., was drowned near mouth of Yellow Creek on Tuesday, while engaged in catching fish.

.....Quite a sensation has been occasioned in East Liberty by the discovery several bones of a human skeleton in the cellar of H. Meixner's house, on Frankstown avenue.

.....Thirty-five cars of hogs were sent back to Chicago Yesterday. The East Liberty stock yards refusing to receive them because a number had died of neglect and nearly all were in a famished condition.

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Which are the Best Organs?

In this age of business rivalry, when people are frequently imposed upon by unscrupulous and rapacious agents, it is important to know which make of Organ is preferred and pronounced the best by judges of the article and Professors of music. The Burdett Organs have always stood at the head of the list, and having of late added quite a number of patented improvements, they are now beyond question the most complete Reed Organ ever made. Visitors to the Music Store of H. Kleber & Brother, 122 Wood street, will be astonished at the beautiful Burdett's to be had there from one to two hundred dollars, and will soon convince themselves that they will save money and procure a better instrument by purchasing a Burdett at Kleber's than by dealing elsewhere. A single hearing of these Organs, and a glance at their Corinthian and Imperial cases, will suffice to settle the question of choice. Moreover, in buying of these gentlemen, you run no risk of any kind, their fine musical abilities and first-class reputation for honorable and upright dealing giving full assurance that you get the worth of your money, dollar for dollar.

The Great Organ—The Burdet—Not Sham Stops.

The Burdett Organ is the only one that contains no *sham* stops; every stop having a distinctive variety of tone. Purchasers are not deceived by an array of sham stops which other makers purposely get up to mislead unsuspecting customers, and to obtain higher prices than the instruments are really worth. For instance the celebrated *Celesta Stop* is in the Burdett organ, composed of a separate and distinct set of reeds, producing a delightful tone, while in most other organs there is no separate set of reeds, and the effect is but a muddy conglomeration of sounds. If you desire an organ the most complete in tone and durability, and returning you dollar for dollar in musical excellence, get the Burdett, which can be obtained only at H. Kleber & Bro.'s warerooms, 122 Wood street. These first-class Burdetts are offered as low as the ordinary slop shop organ which has to be peddled around the country in order to find customers.

THE RAETIS MURDER.

Forty-eight Hours Deliberation Results in a Verdict of Acquittal.

Yesterday morning the jury in the case of Francis Russell, after being out forty-eight hours came into court and announced they had agreed upon a verdict of acquittal. The conclusion was reached on Wednesday evening at a late hour. It is said that the first vote, taken Tuesday evening, stood "not guilty," 9; "guilty," 3. The next, "not guilty," 9; "guilty of manslaughter," 1. The third ballot was "not guilty," 10; "guilty," 2. Fourth vote, "not guilty," 11; "guilty," 1.

There were but few spectators in the Court room at the time but the verdict seemed to give general satisfaction. Russell and his wife seemed to appreciate the situation more than any others—and the accused for the first time since he was arraigned manifested evidence of emotion—the strain of excitement having been removed. He was immediately discharged by proclamation and left the Court House in company with his wife and her parents who have been with him though the trial.

COUNTY OFFICERS' RETURNS.

The Reports for the Past Month.

The returns of the county officers for the past month as thus far filed in the Controller's office are as follows:

Prothonotary Ross	$ 9,241 45
Register Gray	353 00
Coroner West	173 95
Clerk of Orphans' Court	271 44
Clerk of Courts	602 27
Recorder Richardson	2,660 01

After all the salaries are paid, and the State taxes, the county will net $1,827.70 profit from this source. The only considerable profit is from the Recorder's office, $1,228 50. Prothonotary $17. All the rest are below one hundred dollars.

The Effects of Intemperance.

Yesterday morning Coroner West held an inquest on the body of Ludwig Miller, who had committed suicide by hanging. The deceased was a boiler maker by occupation, and resided on Long alley, Third ward, Allegheny. It appears that Miller had been drinking for several weeks past, and about three o'clock yesterday he came home drunk, kissed his children, then told his wife he would be dead by three o'clock. As he had often made similar threats, nothing was thought of it, but he committed the rash act which ended his life. A verdict of suicide by hanging was rendered. The deceased was a native of Germany, forty eight years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

See in another column, advertisement about Iowa and Nebraska Lands.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
THURSDAY, April 10, 1873. }

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The Philadelphia Press says: The financial situation is slowly recovering from the depression caused by the gold cliques in New York, aided by the locking up during the past two weeks. The money market is in such a sensitive condition that the least breath of trouble unsettles confidence at once. There is a little more buoyancy from the west than was assumed larger proportions, we may reasonably expect uncomfortable changes in the rates for money. If the market were not manipulated by a gang in Wall street the stringency would not be so aggravating to our business community, for despite the accusations of some of our cotemporaries, "that the money trouble is only on Third street or Wall street, and does not affect the country," all those circles are deprived of money because Wall street bids higher rates than they can pay. A rescission of the order on Cheatham street stores will reveal a condition of things that is not flattering to the immediate prosperity of the country. We may, and likely will, pull through this spring without disaster, but the period can easily be measured when something more than disaster will be felt because a number had died of neglect and nearly all were in a famished condition.

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Reduction in the Price List.

The Iron Association comprising representatives from the leading establishments in the west held a meeting at their rooms, No. 81 Fourth avenue on Wednesday, when the Iron Price List was reduced from four and six tenths to four and two tenths. There was no change made in the prices for nails.

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The indications to-day pointed a more settled future, and although the full ruling rate for money was nine per cent., there were a large number of loans made at the higher figures and a few at lower rates. Prime business paper ruled at twelve per cent.

NEW YORK, April 10, 1873.

The monetary situation was marked by increased ease most of the day, and call loans were made at 7-16 till Saturday, but in the afternoon, when the afternoon exchanges were made, the tenders were not pressed before the grand jury on the usury question, money became scarce and dear, rising to 7@8 per cent, in late dealings. The squeeze is believed to be more traceable, and to have been above the legitimate money stress. The receipts of currency from the interior to-day were about one million, and a half of outstanding legal tenders about a million more. The imports for the week are estimated at about six millions, a half million less than last week and higher, though business was miserable; 1872 for sixty days and 1873 for eight days. The exports for the week are estimated at between 11½ and 11¾, closing at 11¾. Loans were 1@2 per cent, and 1-16 till Saturday. Clearings $172,000,000. Customs receipts $700,000. Government sales $500,000. Customs receipts $571,000. Government were firm at a slight advance, state Bonds were very quiet. Stocks were very firm most of the day. Leading shares advanced ½ to ¾ per cent, at the highest point. Pacifics was exceptionally weak, and fell from 16@20 per cent. from

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, April 11, 1873.

This being a legal holiday, the banks were all closed and hence no transactions made in money, at least openly, though in many places officers were to be found in their private rooms and arrangements could be made for the morrow. These holidays do not amount to much except to clog the wheels of business, and it does seem to us wise to make this day a holiday. The good to be gained from it is certainly not commensurate with the loss, trouble and annoyance occasioned thereby to all our business interests.

There have been a number of transactions this week in our local stocks at prices as quoted in our reports of this morning. We invite attention to those reports, knowing they will be of value to all interested in these stocks.

Quotations of Bank and Insurance Stocks, of Pittsburgh, Reported Daily by Jas. Brady, Banker and Stock and Note Broker, 118 Smithfield Street. (Successor to Smith, Brady & Co., Commercial Bank). Stocks Bought and Sold on Commission Only. Orders Solicited for the Purchase or Sale of any Local Stocks).

When declared.		Last Div.	Asked.	Offered.	Cash Pd in.	Par Val.
	NATIONAL BANKS.					
Nov.	First National Bank (Alley's)	3			100	100
Nov.	Second National Bank (Alley's)	3			100	100
Jan.	Citizens' National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Commercial National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Commercial Banking Co.	3			100	100
Jan.	Exchange National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Farmers' Deposit National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	First National Bank (Birmingham)	3			100	100
Jan.	Iron City National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Manufacturers' National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Mechanics' National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh National Bank of Commerce	3			100	100
Jan.	Second National Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Union National Bank	3			100	100
	SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS.					
Jan.	Citizens' Savings Institution	3			100	100
Jan.	Dollar Savings Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Farmers' Deposit Savings Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Savings Institution	3			100	100
Jan.	Second Ward Savings Bank	3			100	100
	BANKING COMPANIES.					
Jan.	Allegheny Trust Co.	3			100	100
Jan.	Bank of Industry	3			100	100
Jan.	Commercial Banking Co.	3			100	100
Jan.	Duquesne Savings Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Franklin Savings Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Germania Savings Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Keystone Bridge Co.	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Savings Bank	3			100	100
Jan.	Second Ward Savings Bank	3			100	100
	INSURANCE COMPANIES.					
Jan.	Allegheny Mutual Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Citizens' Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Commercial Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Diamond Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Fayette Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Fire Association	3			100	100
Jan.	Franklin Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Humboldt Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Iron City Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Western Fire	3			100	100
Jan.	Workingmen's Fire	3			100	100
	MISCELLANEOUS.					
Jan.	Armenia	3			100	100
Jan.	Allegheny	3			100	100
Jan.	Birmingham	3			100	100
Jan.	Citizens'	3			100	100
Jan.	Duquesne	3			100	100
Jan.	Eureka	3			100	100
Jan.	Federal	3			100	100
Jan.	Iron City	3			100	100
Jan.	Monongahela	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh	3			100	100
Jan.	Second Ward	3			100	100
Jan.	Southside	3			100	100
Jan.	Union	3			100	100
Jan.	Western	3			100	100
Jan.	Workingmen's	3			100	100
	PASSENGER RAILWAYS.					
Jan.	Central	3			100	100
Jan.	Citizens'	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh	3			100	100
Jan.	Second Avenue	3			100	100
Jan.	Southside	3			100	100
Jan.	Union	3			100	100
Jan.	Western	3			100	100
	GAS COMPANIES.					
Jan.	Allegheny Gas	3			100	100
Jan.	Central Gas	3			100	100
Jan.	Consumers' Gas	3			100	100
Jan.	Manufacturers' Gas	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Gas	3			100	100
Jan.	Peoples' Gas	3			100	100
Jan.	Philadelphia Co.	3			100	100
Jan.	Southside Gas	3			100	100
Jan.	Union Gas	3			100	100
	MISCELLANEOUS.					
Jan.	Pittsburgh Coal	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Petroleum	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Locomotive	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Steel	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Steel Casting	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Steel Foundry	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Steel Manufacturing	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Steel Rail	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Steel Tube	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Tube	3			100	100
Jan.	Pittsburgh Wrought Iron	3			100	100
Jan.	Standard Sewing Machine	3			100	100
Jan.	Westinghouse Air Brake	3			100	100
Jan.	Westinghouse Machine	3			100	100
Jan.	Westinghouse Steam Pump	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Nail	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Steel	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Steel Casting	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Wire	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Wire Nail	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Wire Rope	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Wire Spring	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Wire Works	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Wire Working	3			100	100
Jan.	Wheeling Wire Working Co.

WEEKLY GAZETTE.

HARRISBURG.

Disgraceful Scene in the House.

PRESIDENT GRANT IN THE LEGISLATIVE HALLS.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 7, 1873.

SENATE.

Bills Passed.

An act authorizing school directors of St. Clair borough to borrow money.

To authorize the paving and grading of Carnegie avenue, Pittsburgh.

Relief Voted Down.

Mr. MACLAY read an act for the relief of sufferers at Parker's Landing. Lost.

Repealing Certain Tax Laws.

An act to repeal all laws taxing bonds of cities, boroughs and other corporations.

Supplement to the Oil Bill.

Mr. RANDALL offered a supplement to the Oil Bill passed last week. This will repealed certain portions of the original bill which prevented the manufacture of dangerous fluids. The bill was lost by a large vote.

HOUSE.

The House met at three o'clock.

Bills Voted Down.

The general act relating to the licensing of druggists, an act facilitating the taking of judgments, an act for the further protection of cemeteries, an act curing the defective acknowledging of deeds, and a supplement relating to roads were all voted down.

Bills Passed.

The following general bills were passed:

An act to facilitate partition.

A supplement to the general manufacturing laws.

An act to authorize the directors of railroads to elect Vice Presidents.

An act granting an honorary annuity to certain Judges was voted down—35 to 53.

A Disgraceful Scene.

By far the most disgraceful scene which has occurred in the Legislature for many years took place this afternoon. Speaker Elliott had assigned the chair to Mr. Newmyer, of Allegheny, and the public calendar was under consideration. A few bills had been passed, when Elliott made a motion to suspend the order and proceed to the consideration of Senate bill 1,279 without giving the title of it. Calls were made for the title, but the Chairman decided that the motion was carried, and the clerk began the reading of the first section of the bill. Members on both sides of the House rushed to the chair, but he paid no attention to them. The members crowded around the desks with threatening menaces, and made a perfect confusion. Messrs. Hancock, Greenawalt, Housenan, Lawshe, Ramey of Indiana, and Mahon of Franklin, advanced with threats against this "gag law." Cries of "Shame, shame," "Put that Shaker out," then "Put him out of the chair," were heard everywhere. Time after time had to women, angry glances and doubtful looks, reminding one of the stormy scenes of some revolutionary assembly.

Mr. HANCOCK called on Mr. Newmyer to leave the chair. He had forfeited the respect of the House. The Sergeant-at-Arms was called, but to no avail. The members were not in a mood to be silenced by the ordinary calls. "Let us leave the halls and go out," said Hancock, "if such outrages are to be put upon us.

Mr. LOWRY, of Indiana, made the hall ring with his fierce calls

When Mr. NEWMEYER attempted to explain, it seemed as if the whole House would bawl out in one chorus. Quiet was at last restored, and the bill passed finally by a vote of 70 to 21, this "gag law" whilst it was practising mob law. The bill was made the special order for Tuesday by a vote of 70 to 21.

A Question of Privilege.

Mr. BALLANTINE—Mr. Speaker, I rise on a privilege of question.

The Chairman—The gentleman will state his question of privilege.

Mr. BALLANTINE—On last Friday, I visited the Governor, in company with a number of gentlemen connected with the oil refining interests of Pittsburgh, to procure favorable action on a very important bill, which had passed both branches of the Legislature by an almost unanimous vote. On my return to the House, I found the Clerk busy calling the yeas and nays, and I voted, as many gentlemen on this floor have often voted, "No," to be on the safe side of any hasty legislation. I was surprised to find it the very bill we had been to see the Governor of Columbia, the libel law, which I had intended to support. Having voted with the minority, it is my privilege now to move a reconsideration of the vote and on the final passage of that bill, which I now do, and every gentleman who like myself, voted under a misapprehension, will vote again and pass the bill.

Mr. MAHON, of Franklin—I second the motion to reconsider the vote on the final passage, because I think it was rather hastily disposed of. I am in favor of a wholesome law which will hallow the press of the State to expose official and private matters of public interest to their qualities, and of all classes who make it a business to swindle the community. But this bill throws open the gates too wide. Whilst the bitter portion of the press might not abuse the large privileges given to it by the bill, I think that there are many men in that profession, who was in all others, who would, under the cover of this bill, blacken the reputation of any man or woman in private life to gratify the malicious promptings of an evil heart, and then, under the provision of this bill, he can ferret up the truth in evidence, and thus fasten a libel upon them. A false plea that he was conscious of the rectitude of his own intentions and no one suffered any harm. If a man's past life as a private citizen has not been what it should have been, what should be shielded by a cloak to be used by the press to gibbet him before a quick dealing public, and place the old scandals of the past before every woman and child in the land? If this privilege is to be legalized, and practiced on the reformation of the age, let it be far and far between. If this bill is properly amended, as I suggested to the gentleman from Columbia, in the General Judiciary Committee, I will support it.

The Appropriation Bill.

On the motion to reconsider the report of the Conference Committee on the Appropriation bill, Mr. BROWN, of Erie, suggested the propriety of instructing them to strike out the University of Philadelphia, $ 60,000, the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, $100,000, and the appropriation for the Vienna Exposition, $6,000. By striking out these two then all charitable institutions will be on an equal footing. Either put these two out or put all the others in. I am opposed to allowing these two rich Philadelphia institutions to goodle up $200,000 at the expense of all the smaller charities of the State. If I mistake not, this Philadelphia University has lately sold their lot to the United States for half a million dollars for a new postoffice site. Why should we give them $100,000 more? No one in either branch of the Legislature has attempted to explain it, and I hope the western members will stay here till the "dog days" before they will yield one inch from the position we have taken.

The President in the Legislative Halls.

A resolution was offered appointing a committee to wait on President Grant and invite him to the House. Messrs. Mitchell, Lawshe and Smith of Philadelphia were appointed.

President Grant was escorted to the hall by Senator Wallace and White. On ascending the Speaker's stand, Speaker Elliott said:

"Mr. President—On behalf of the members of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of this date, it gives me pleasure to welcome you to the halls of the House."

General Grant replied: "Gentlemen, members of the Assembly of Pennsylvania—I am very glad to meet you here in your representative capacity, and hope the legislation of this great State may be such as will assist to develop the immense wealth which lies buried within her border and which you have already done so much to develop."

The members were then introduced to him, and in a few moments, accompanied by Treasurer Mackey, Dan Cameron and others, he left the House.

IOWA.

Destructive Hurricane in Burlington—Houses Uprooted—Seven Persons Killed and Many Injured

BURLINGTON, Iowa, April 5.—The most terrible rain, hail and wind storm ever known here came without a minute's notice this afternoon, creating fearful havoc and loss of life. The storm struck the city on West Hill, tearing the roof from one of the school houses, and descending thence through the business part of the city. Buildings were unroofed and a great deal of damage done. The most horrible part of the catastrophe was the destruction of T. N. Bond's butter and egg depot, on Jefferson street, and the death of seven persons. The house was blown down and twenty-five persons were buried beneath the ruins. Mr. Pond and three others were taken out dead, and nineteen others were rescued more or less injured. Mr. Pond was a young man of great promise, who had built up a large trade and was well known throughout the State. The wife and two children of Mr. Steiger, a German school master, who lived in a house adjoining, were killed by the falling of the east wing of Pond's house. The persons killed were T. N. Pond and three of his employes, named Pendergrast, Traenor and Neff; Mrs. Steiger and her two children.

Supreme Court Decision Against Female Suffrage.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—In the Supreme Court to-day, in the case of Miss Burnham, pleading for the right to vote on the ground that the word "freemen" in the constitution meant men and women, the Court decided against her.

Destructive Fire.

TITUSVILLE, April 4.—A fire broke out this morning at Oil City, Pa., destroying five buildings on Centre street, the most prominent of which were Beer's Block and Stillwell's variety store. Loss fifty thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

THE CAPITAL.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, April 4, 1873.

Pensions for the War of 1812.

The Pension office during the month of March received 156 survivors' claims for the war of 1812, and 26 widows' claims. The office disposed of 311 claims of both of the above classes. The number of claims now pending and awaiting settlement is 3,918.

Business at the Patent Office.

The month of March, 1873, is the banner month of the Patent office, a greater number of applications for patents being received than in any other month since the creation of the office. During one month of the year 1869, 2,904 patents were applied for, but that falls short of the past month by twenty applications, 2,924 having been placed on the file from March 1st to April 1st, 1873.

Short Supply of Coal in England.

A distinguished American residing in London, writes to Leroy Tuttle, Esq., Assistant Treasurer of the United States, that the present winter has witnessed a perfect shaking among British Statesmen, brought on by the discussion of the question of the supply of coal, it being acknowledged by careful thinkers that cheap coal has departed in consequence of a short supply, and that henceforth cheap coal, and therefore manufacturing for the world, will be domiciled in the United States.

Indians Coming to Washington.

Application has been made to bring some of the chiefs of the Sioux Indians to Washington this summer, and the secretary of the Interior will, it is stated, have no objection. The object of their visit is to remove them from a position where they would be likely to obstruct and embarrass the surveying parties of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, who will be at work this summer preparing for an extension of the road.

Murders by Indians

The Interior Department to day was officially advised by telegraph of the murder of a surveyor by a party of forty or fifty Indians calling themselves Cheyennes, while in camp twenty miles east of Camp Supply. One man was wounded and the camp destroyed. On the 18th of March four surveyors of another party were murdered fifty miles further north, where the Cimmaron river crosses the Kansas boundary. Robe Martin, a messenger, has been missing since March 7th. Surveyor Barrett, who sends the telegram, asks, "Will the Government protect us?"

Mr. Risley, agent for the Indians at the Whitestone agency, reports, under date of the 1st instant, from Fort Laramie, that D. R. Rogers, United States mail carrier, was killed by Indians on the 31st ult., while carrying the mail from the said agency to Laramie postoffice.

Why Geo. W. Curtiss Resigned from the Civil Service Board.

Contradictory statements having been made concerning the continuance of the civil service regulations and the resignations of Geo. William Curtiss and Hon. Joseph Medill, the two leading members of the Civil Service Board, the following, obtained from authentic sources, is known to be a fact. It is the intention to continue the competitive examination department as fixed in the regulations, but appointments will not rig idly depend on these. It is known that Hon. Joseph Medill and Mr. Curtiss had resigned as members of the board last fall, on account of not having time to spare to go to Washington to sit with the board. The President declined to accept it, and Mr. Curtiss urged him to hold on a while. On the 17th of January last, Medill addressed a general order against the holding of federal offices or appointments by State or municipal officers, unless they resigned the latter, this to take effect March 4th, 1873. Subsequently Medill called the President's attention to this order, and notified him of his resignation of member-hip of the Civil Service Board. The letter of resignation of George W. Curtiss is as follows:

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GREAT BRITAIN

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LONDON, April 5.—An explosion of fire damp in a coal mine near Abertillery, Monmouthshire, yesterday caused the death of five miners, and wounding many others.

SPAIN.

A Battle in the Mountains.

A sharp fight took place on Thursday in the Archal Igni Mountains between a force of nine hundred and sixty Carlists under command of Dorregarray and Olio, and five hundred Republicans. The result of the engagement is not known.

The Red Flag Raised in Barcelona.

PARIS, April 5.—At a recent federal Democratic demonstration in Barcelona, a red flag, surmounted by the Pilrygian cap, and bearing a death's head, was raised.

FRANCE.

PARIS, April 7.—The Republicans have carried the municipal elections in Nantes and Marseilles.

BROWNSVILLE, PA.

Distressing Casualty—A Prominent Citizen Drowned in the River.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., April 7, 1873.

A most distressing affair happened here this morning which has occasioned considerable sorrow and excitement in the community. Mr. Edward Toynbee, one of our prominent citizens, was out in front of his residence when he fell into the river, and before assistance could reach him was drowned. Mr. Toynbee was well known in this vicinity and in Pittsburgh, and his death is universally regretted. R.

The Indian War.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Advices from Prescott, March 29th, say Major Brown's command struck the Apaches at Teute Basin, killed thirty-eight warriors, and captured seventeen squaws. The Apaches were frightened. Many surrendered at Camp Verdee. Owing to the prevalence of the epizootic, the troops operate principally on foot.

Cochise continues raids into Mexico. Pinnale and Arivaipa, Apaches residing on the reservation, claimed that Cochise was stirring them up.

A Murderer Lynched.

CHICAGO, April 7.—A Peoria dispatch says: The *Democrat* of this city has information to the effect that O'Neal, the murderer who was confined in the Peoria county jail last fall for killing a man at Elpaso, and who was acquitted at the late term of the Woodland Circuit Court, killed another man at Streator, LaSalle county, and a day or two ago he attempted to get out of town, but a crowd of excited miners caught him and hanged him without further ado.

Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Organization of Sabbath Schools

INDIANAPOLIS, April 7.—The semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of Sabbath schools in this city was celebrated yesterday. The first school was organized in a cooper shop, with thirty scholars. The schools now number fifty-one, with over nine hundred teachers and nearly nine thousand scholars. Four of the teachers of the first school still survive.

THE COURTS.

Saturday's Proceedings.

CRIMINAL COURT—JUDGE STERRETT.

W. Foley, who plead nolle contendere to the charge of illegal liquor selling, was sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and costs.

Henry Ingram, who plead guilty to assault and battery on Matthew J. McFadden, was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs and go to the Work House for sixty days, and the latter to a fine of $25 and the Work House for three months.

Lorenzo Ward, for the larceny of sundry articles belonging to Matthew Facet, was also sentenced to pay a fine of six cents and costs, and to be imprisoned in the Work House for four months, the second sentence to take place at the expiration of the first.

Martin Connolly for assault and battery, was sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars and the costs.

John Wallace for a similar offense, was sentenced to pay a fine of thirty dollars.

Philip B. Weil having pled *nolo contendere* to the charge of illegal liquor selling, was sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred dollars and the costs.

Robert P. Stark and John H. Burdell, the convicted burglars, were sentenced by the Court the former to a term of imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary of twenty-one years, and the latter to a term of eighteen years.

COMMON PLEAS—JUDGE STOWE AND COLLIER.

In the matter of the petition of Elizabeth Scott for the benefits of the Act of Assembly allowing married women their separate earnings, the Court granted the petition.

The Court granted a rule on plaintiff in the case of Michael Bigley vs. Hugh Boyle to come why the judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence.

A rule was granted on Joseph Lowrie to show cause why a writ of Mandamus should not issue against him to show by what authority he exercises the office of School Director of the Minersville sub-school district, returnable on Saturday next.

W. F. Seibert presented a petition asking that a writ of *mandamus* be issued in the case of fraudulent counting of the returns in Shaler township, which was reported several days ago. Mr. Seibert claims that he was duly elected a Justice of the Peace in said township, and that the office of the Clerk of the Court, but that the election officers have refused to give him his certificate of election. The names are Jas. H. Wible, Jos. Governs, Gottfried Sanders, Herman Lang and John Shaler. A rule was granted to show cause why the *mandamus* should not be issued, returnable Saturday next.

U. S DISTRICT COURT—JUDGE M'CANDLESS.

In this Court Messrs. H. Bingham & Co., of Springfield, Mass., filed a petition asking for the adjudication in bankruptcy of Messrs. Shugart & Hart, of Titusville, Pa. Marshal Hall was appointed provisional assignee.

An order was made allowing the assignees of Messrs. Houghton & Wiley, of Tioga county, to sell certain property.

Upon petition the trustee of the estate of Thomas Bakewell, bankrupt, was directed to deliver the books of Lippincott & Bakewell and of Thomas Bakewell, to said bankrupt.

The bankruptcy matter of Michael Bigler, of Luzerne county, was, by consent in Court and an order was made allowing the assignee to sell certain property free of liens.

An application and order was made allowing the assignee of Jas. Hall, bankrupt, of Parker's, to sell certain interests in oil properties owned by bankrupts. An order for examination of witnesses residing at Buffalo was also made, and the application for the allowance of fees for compensation for services rendered to the estate, was referred to Register Shafer for examination.

A. G. Eberhart, of Crawford county, filed an answer denying the alleged acts of bankruptcy set forth in the petition of Weldeman, Kent & Co. An argument was also heard on a motion for an injunction to restrain certain execution creditors, D. F. Watson, Esq., arguing for the motion, and U. S. Attorney Swoope and Mr. Rawley, contra. Decision was reserved.

EXTENSIVE FIRE IN ALLEGHENY.

The Tube Works of Messrs. Graff & Co. Destroyed—Loss Fifty Thousand Dollars—A Large Fire and a Short Water Supply.

On Saturday night a destructive fire occurred on Herr's Island, in the Eighth ward, Allegheny, by which the Tube and Gas Pipe Works of William Graff & Co., were entirely destroyed. The fire was discovered about half past eleven o'clock, though it had evidently been burning some time, as it had obtained a good start. An alarm was first struck from box 53, at the end of the bridge, and shortly afterwards a general alarm was sounded, to which the whole Department responded, with the exception of the General Grant steamer, which is engaged in pumping water into the pipes, a short distance below the Hand Street bridge. An alarm was also struck from box 67, on the side, which brought the Pittsburg fire department to the foot of Thirtieth street, though of course they could be of no service.

The material which fed the flames was very light and dry, and long, lurid tongues of light, visible for miles on either side. The fire had not progressed long ere the river bank and Island were crowded with interesting spectators, to whom the limited water supply had suggested a conflagration, long and earnestly many of them to leave their beds for the scene of the fire. The Friendship was the first steamer on the ground and remained upon the main shore, drawing water from a fire plug, while the hose was run across the bridge. The Hope and Good Will went onto the island, and received their supplies of water directly from the river.

The main works, a one story frame building, 64x192 feet, together with two other smaller buildings attached, was entirely destroyed. Mr. Kelly, 11; W. J. Anderson, 8; J. A. Fleming, 7; W. S. Bissell, 3; Richard Hays, 3. The first five gentlemen having received the highest number of votes were duly elected.

Judge Sloan Kirkpatrick presented a resolution commendatory of the course of the late warden, Mr. Scandrett, and desired that the same be spread on the minutes, which was agreed to.

A resolution was adopted providing that Ambrose E. Lynch be allowed the privilege of the hall of the jail during religious service on Sundays, after which the Board adjourned.

Catholic Church Property in Dispute.

Saturday morning Messrs. Alexander Curly, and sixty-three other members of the Roman Catholic church at Mansfield, filed a bill in equity in the Court of Common Pleas against the Rt. Rev. Bishop Domenec. The dispute is in relation to a piece of property situated in Mansfield, which is alleged the congregation contributed money for the purchase of the ground, and the erection of a church for the use of the congregation, and that the church was built, and is now occupied by them. The title is in the name of Right Rev. M. Domenec in trust for the congregation, and the plaintiffs have reason to believe that the defendant has contracted with James Doolittle for the exchange of the ground for a lot in Chartiers borough. They have remonstrated in vain against the removal of their church, and they now ask that an injunction be issued, which petition was granted, returnable on Thursday next at ten o'clock, in the Common Pleas Court.

....A boy named William James Henry, about nine years of age, has been waiting at the Mayor's office for some of his friends or relations. He says that his father and mother are dead, and that he has been living with his sister, who lived on Fifteith street, till the first of April, when she moved and gave him fifty cents, telling him to go to Burgettstown or some other place. He came to the city day before yesterday, when he applied to the mayor, who purchased a ticket and sent him to Burgettstown. On Saturday the boy was returned to the mayor's office by a gentleman who was desirous of knowing something of his relations. He wishes to adopt the lad if he has no friends, or, if having them, they are willing. Detective Cupples will provide a home for the lost child until some other arrangement can be made.

OBITUARY.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

On Saturday evening last, Mr. Alexander McClurg, after a brief confinement, a very brief interruption of the activities of a long and busy life, died at the residence of his son, Mr. Trevor McClurg, No. 19 Church avenue, Allegheny City. He was in the eighty-seventh year of his age, and at his death probably left no survivor who can date his citizenship so far back as he. Mr. McClurg was with his father's family an immigrant from Ireland in 1798 or 1799, and has during all the years since, about three-quarters of a century, been identified in various ways with the interests of Pittsburgh. For forty years or more he was among the most prominent, extensive and enterprising of our citizens, extensively engaged in commerce and manufactures. His father, Joseph McClurg, and he, established the first iron foundry and carried it on successfully for many years. The site of this foundry is now covered by the Postoffice and the new Municipal Hall. He afterwards became proprietor of the Fort Pitt Cannon Foundry and cast the first cannon made here for the Government. Major Wade was for a time associated with him in this foundry. The late Wm. J. Totten was also a partner under the firm name of McClurg, Wade & Co. This foundry subsequently became the property of Freeman, Knap & Co., of Charles Knap, and finally is known as the Fort Pitt, or Knaps Foundry Company. During his long and busy life Mr. McClurg was known for persistent energy, enterprise, and great tenacity of purpose. Sons and daughters have risen to call him blessed. These, with a large circle of friends, will mourn his loss.

Death of Mrs. Pressly.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Pressly, relict of the late Rev. Dr. Pressly, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. T. McCance, on Washington avenue, Allegheny, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. Mrs. Pressly was a lady of rare excellencies of mind and heart, amiable in temper, gentle and winning in manner, possessed of vigorous mental powers, and highly cultured, which rendered her esteemed alike in social and intellectual circles. She lived a life adorned with Christian graces and one which will cause innumerable friends to cherish her memory.

MYSTERIOUS POISONING.

Death from Drinking Tincture of Aconite Root in Mistake for Bitters.

Coroner West last evening held an inquest on the body of George Johnson, who died very suddenly at the house of Edward Clinton, No 10 Seventh street, yesterday afternoon. It appears that the deceased, who was watchman on the steamboat "N. J. Bigley," had gone to the mate's room (who died suddenly on Saturday) and there found a bottle which he supposed contained bitters, which the mate had used to create an appetite. As he was just going to dinner he thought he would take a swallow, which he did. He then, with Mr. Frank Clinton, the pilot, walked home. On his way home he complained of not feeling well, and that the draught produced, and also complained of being ill-ing unwell. He, however, ate his dinner, but shortly after commenced to feel very sick. He showed signs of poisoning, complaining in the twitching and contortions of his limbs. Dr. Shaw was summoned, who found the man suffering evidently from acoulte poisoning. He was called at two o'clock, and the man died at half past four. Frank Clinton, the pilot, stated that Johnson took a drink out of a bottle he found under a mattress in the mate's room, which was produced and found to contain a very strong tincture of aconite root. A verdict was rendered of death from poisoning by aconite tincture taken in mistake. The deceased was married and leaves a wife.

Mr. Clinton stated that the mess boy of the vessel saw Mr. Harger (whose death is reported elsewhere) take a glass of the stuff out of the bottle, and drink it, and afterwards rinse the glass. Shortly after this he dropped dead on deck. An inquest on him was held, and a verdict rendered, but it is now thought that a post mortem examination will be held. Where the poison was obtained was not developed.

A STEAMBOAT COLLISION.

The New State and the Eagle Collide and the Former Sinks.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer New State, of the Pittsburgh and Wheeling trade, going down, and the tug Eagle, coming up, collided about two miles below this city. Knocking a hole in the hull of the former, and causing her to sink with her entire cargo. The New State had left here shortly after four o'clock with a large freight, and a good many passengers, and when she met the Eagle some mis-understanding occurred, and a greatdeal of whistling and signaling between the two boats took place, the result being that collision ensued. The guards of the Eagle, being lower than those of the New State, went under the guards of the latter and knocked a hole in the hull. The State sank in the channel, the the water coming up to her hurricane deck. All of the passengers and crew were saved by the Eagle, though the cargo will be a total loss.

The New State was owned by C. H. Rooth & Co., of Wheeling, and was commanded by Captain Dillon. She was a light draft steamer and was built at Wheeling about three years ago. She formerly ran to the Wheeling and Parkersburg trade. The loss on the boat and cargo cannot be accurately estimated, though the latter is covered by insurance.

RISE IN THE ALLEGHENY.

A Sudden Flood—Activity on the Wharf—Fears of a Flood.

Yesterday morning the Allegheny river commenced to rise rapidly, and before noon the pier marks at the Suspension bridge indicated thirteen feet of water in the channel. The current was very strong, and as the sudden flood had not been anticipated, all the loose property on the wharf was floated off. Fortunately, this consisted in most instances of lumber not very valuable, though quite a quantity of rubbish. The river continued to swell, however, during the afternoon, and that caused the removal of other property, which owners desired to save. By four o'clock the wharf was an animated spectacle presented, and the stevedors found their hands full. At dusk the pier marks showed nearly sixte

HOME NEWS.

Yesterday, April 11th, was the first anniversary of the opening of the Boston One Price Square Dealing Clothing Store in this city. We doubt whether ever before any gentleman has come to Pittsburgh a total stranger, as Mr. Rossiter did, and in a single year made so many business acquaintances and so thoroughly and successfully built up a lucrative trade. He has advertised freely, promised the public good, well made, fashionable and cheap clothing, and has faithfully kept all promises, adhering to his "One Price Square Dealing" motto, and we have to hear the first doubt expressed of the integrity of all promises and all representations. We rejoice at his success, because it has been so honestly earned. Such merchants as he deserve success.

A Hair Breadth Escape.

The heavy wind which occurred yesterday afternoon did considerable damage to the fire alarm telegraph, and shortly after the storm workmen were engaged in making repairs. One of the cross-pieces, a heavy piece of timber though which half a dozen large iron spikes were driven, was being re-placed on the pole when it fell. At the same instant a lady passed along the street under the poll and the cross piece came within a very few inches of striking her upon the head, and apparently grazing her shawl. Had it struck her, death would most probably have been the result.

The Fire on Wednesday Night.

We are requested to state that the partial destruction of the Coffee and Spice Mills of Messrs. Arbuckles & Co., by fire on last Wednesday night, will not cause the proprietors to experience any material difficulty in filling orders for Roasted Coffee and Ground Spices, as they will be supplied with these goods by Messrs. Arbuckles Bros., of New York, until such time as their mills here may be in running order. They are expecting several new coffee roasters to arrive here by express to-day, from the East, and are having a large number of mechanics and laborers employed in repairing the damage done their mills by the fire. In a few days they will be able to go on manufacturing as usual.

A Sad Accident.

Coroner West was notified yesterday to hold an inquest on a child named Myra, daughter of Benjamin Walkan, of Mormon Valley, about two miles from East Liberty, on the Frankstown road. It appears the child had gone with a tin cup to a barrel which had been placed a short distance from the house to catch water from a spring near by to obtain a drink of water and that in bending down she slipped, her head going into the water, and she being unable to help herself, was drowned before she reached her. The child was found dead and all efforts to resuscitate proved fruitless. She was an interesting child aged two years and seven months. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Tracks on Liberty Street.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

A case of no slight importance to the business community is to be heard before Mayor Buckmaster at two o'clock this afternoon—that of a prominent business man on Liberty street, against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for violation of the provisions of a city ordinance which requires that no train shall be run over the tracks on Liberty street between Eleventh street and the Point, from 11 P. M. to 3 P. M. The law has been so long disregarded that people had almost forgotten its existence. Let us hope, however, that it may be now enforced, and the extreme penalty exacted. It is time that business men had some assurance of this issue. The opinion has been given by our best legal authority that the Railroad Company violated law and right in laying their tracks on Liberty street, and that the action of the City Council in 1848, in surrendering property at the Point ceded to the city for entirely different purposes, was null and void. The end of this controversy has not yet been reached. The men who decided to lay the tracks illegally, and the men who decided to legalize the illegitimate action, will be forced from Liberty street, thus restoring that great thoroughfare to its proper uses.

THE COMMITTEE.

THE COURTS.

Business to be Resumed To-day.

The Courts were not in session yesterday, save the Criminal Court, in which Judge Sterrett presided long enough to receive a verdict in the cases of the Commonwealth vs. Joseph, Israel and Emanuel DeBoy, charged on oath of D. H. Frieh with receiving stolen goods. Joseph and Israel DeBoy were acquitted, but the jury being unable to agree in the case of Emanuel DeBoy, was discharged.

Trial List for To Day.

Commonwealth vs.

H. A. Bedell,	John Jamison,
Adam Newman,	Catharine Gallagher,
William Fehring,	Mary Burnett.
John Gonsler,	

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

An Order from Grand Chancellor William J. Macmullan. Additional Light.

In opposition to the edict of B. C. Berry, Chancellor of the Supreme Lodge of the World, K. of P., suspending the functions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, William J. Macmullan, of Philadelphia, Grand Chancellor of this State, has issued orders to subordinate lodges in his jurisdiction, forbidding them to recognize the authority of Mr. Weeks, and denouncing the action of the Supreme Chancellor, Berry, as unwarranted and revolutionary. Despite the latter order, nearly all the lodges in western Pennsylvania, and numerous lodges in the eastern part of the State have accepted the edict of the Supreme Lodge, inasmuch that the other State Grand Lodges have acknowledged its jurisdiction, this State cannot go back of it. For, in throwing aside the Supreme Lodge, the Knights of Pythias in this State would place themselves outside the pale of legal recognition.

A SAD WARNING.

A Boy Found Dead from the Effects of Intemperance.

Coroner West yesterday held an inquest at Turtle Creek on the body of John A. Fulmer, a coal miner, aged seventeen years, who was found dead near his home yesterday morning. It appears that the deceased left his home with a younger brother to go to a store to buy some apples. He bought the fruit and sent the boy back to the house, while he went on to the village to join some boon companions. They visited several drinking saloons, and it is said that the deceased drank very freely. About eleven o'clock he started to go home, but he was found yesterday morning, lying with his head down hill, dead. It is stated that the deceased had been drinking for some time back in the grog shops of the village, and that there are a great many in the village, where boys of his age, and younger, congregate everyevening and drink. An examination was made, but no marks of external violence were found upon his body. A physician who was present gave it as his opinion that the deceased died of congestion of the brain, superinduced by strong drink. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

BROWNSVILLE.

Death by Drowning of a Prominent Citizen.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

BROWNSVILLE, PA., April 8, 1873.

Monday morning at seven and a half o'clock, some workmen discovered the body of a drowned man lodged against the bows of a coal boat on which they were employed. Upon investigation the body was found to be that of Mr. Edward Toynbee, a prominent citizen of Bridgeport. The body was taken to the house of a friend, and an inquest was held by S. A. Wood, Esq. The jury, after hearing all possible evidence in the case, rendered the following verdict: "That Edward Toynbee, deceased, according to the evidence adduced before us, showed symptoms of insanity a short time prior to his death, and which was superinduced by disease, and we further believe that he was insane at the time he came to his death."

Mr. Toynbee had been sick since last December, at times seriously so, but within the last few weeks had so far recovered as to be able to go out riding.

On the morning of his death he arose quite early, and after walking his premises a short time, disappeared and was not seen again until found in the river, as already stated. During his illness Mr. Toynbee suffered much pain in the head, and his physician, Dr. S. B. P. Knox, testified that his disease was such as would produce temporary insanity. The sudden and horrible death of one of our most prominent business men of course caused much excitement and sympathy. As a kind husband and father, he will be sadly missed. As a business man he has always been regarded as strictly honorable in all transactions, and it is praiseworthy fact that in all his dealings with the Government as a liquor manufacturer, not a single complaint has ever been made against him.

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THAT BOX OF VALUABLES.

How it was not Discovered—The Sensational Rumors Without Foundation.

The evening papers announced, with startling head lines, yesterday, that the mystery of the box of money and valuable papers, which so suddenly disappeared from the vaults of the Safe Deposite Company, had at last been solved, and that negotiations were pending between the detectives and the parties who took the box, whereby it would be returned. A pretty thorough "interviewing" of the detectives and the Chief of Police, last evening, established the falsity of this so-called "solution" of the mystery. Mr. Robt. Hague, formerly Cchief of Police, was employed to investigate the affair, and after searching the vaults, he made the profound discovery that the box was not there—a fact which the book-offices have known for three days before. Then Mr. Hague announced mysteriously that he had discovered the guilty party, and proposed to take him quietly to one side and reason the case with him—and try by moral suasion to convince him that it was his duty, as a gentleman and an American citizen, to return that box. If he was not inclined to accede, why, of course, the box must be lost. If this is the box of negotiations that are pending, they will probably "pend" for some time before the box is secured.

To persons unacquainted with the way banks are managed it is very mysterious how a box containing so large an amount could walk out of the building, under the very nose of those employed to guard the property, without their knowledge. It is due not only to the Directors that a thorough investigation of the matter be made, but to the public as well. The argument that the box can be easily recovered is no assurance that such an occurrence may not be repeated, unless the present case is rigidly investigated, the responsibility attached to the inefficient employes or employees, and measures taken to ensure a more perfect discipline, and thus prevent future depredations of a like character.

The Price of Coffee Reduced.

D. M. Jenkins has reduced the price of Roast Coffee to-day.

THE LAWYER'S MEETING.

Discussion of the Report of the Judiciary Committee—Some of the Objections to the Proposed Changes—An Interesting Question for the Attorneys.

Yesterday morning there was a goodly array of members of the Bar in the District Court Room No. 1, called together for the purpose of discussing the report of the Judiciary Committee of the Constitutional Convention. This report has been the subject of general interest among lawyers throughout the State, and is regarded as one of the most important matters that will come before the Convention. The report is an exceedingly voluminous document and in it quite a number of changes to our present Judiciary system are proposed. Chief among these are the abolition of District Courts; the establishment of an intermediate or Circuit Court between the Supreme and Common Pleas Courts; providing for seven instead of five Supreme Court Judges to be nominated by the Governor confirmed by the Senate and to hold office for twenty years. The Circuit Court with nine Judges, elected by the people and to serve sixteen years.

The Circuit is to have original jurisdiction in cases of habeas corpus, mandamus, and quo warranto, and in election cases, when directed by law, and in all civil cases where the subject matter in controversy does not exceed in value five hundred dollars. It will also have appellate jurisdiction in all civil cases which cannot be taken to the Supreme Court by direct appeal. One of the Judges of the Supreme Court is also to be a justice of the Circuit Court. These are the main changes of public interest, but there are others, interesting only to members of the bar The changes have been considerably discussed among the lawyers, but it was deemed advisable to formally test the general sentiment and instruct our delegates. In accordance with that idea the meeting of yesterday was called and the interest taken in the subject was manifested by the very large attendance.

The meeting was organized about half past ten o'clock, and on motion of J. W. F. White, Hon. Moses Hampton was called to the chair; Hon. J. P. Sterrett, Vice President, and Messrs. John G. MacConnell and W. C. Moreland chosen Secretaries.

The chairman then called upon Hon. S. A. Purviance, a member of the Constitutional Convention, to explain specifically the purpose of the gathering, and that gentleman in response, stated the desire was to obtain some opinion from the members of the Bar on the report of the Judiciary Committee. He then detailed some of his objections to the propositions to the committee—and especially objected to the Circuit Court which he believed would only be an incumbrance instead of a help, and would be a big fungus. He also objected to taking one Judge of the Supreme Court and putting him on the Circuit Court for occasional duty. He believed that the Supreme Court should be limited to five Judges, to be composed of three from the Western section of the State, three from the middle and three from the western section—the three Judges of each district to commence their sessions in December, in their own districts, and to sit through the lists entirely, which would occupy probably two or three months. Then in May nine should meet at Harrisburg in a Revisory Court. These opinions in cases involving new questions of law should be postponed until the Revisory Court should meet, when they would receive the consideration of the entire bench.

Mr. J. W. F. White also a member of the Convention pointed out several defects in the report, He not could understood why the Judges of the Supreme Court should be appointed instead of elected. He favored a division of the Supreme Court into two districts, was opposed to two Prothonotaries as had been proposed, and thought the provision compelling the Judges to write out all their legal opinons in full would be somewhat impracticable, or at least very unwise, tending to delay rather than speed.

Mr. McIntosh attempted to have a resolution passed inquiring into the condition of the Law Library, but it was ruled out as irrelevant.

Mr. J. F. Sagle offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That our representatives in the Constitutional Convention be requested to oppose the formation of a Circuit Court as proposed by the Judiciary Committee, and that in view thereof they favor the plan proposed at our meeting by Hon. S. A. Purviance, viz: The Supreme Court sitting in separate districts.

District Attorney Bayne was opposed to the Circuit Court business. He thought it was a compromise at the best. When many dollars are involved, cases subjected to a strict legal scrutiny, but when few are involved they are not. He thought it impossible to bring all the cases before the Supreme Court and have them decided within a reasonable time, and was of the opinion that the division of the Court into districts was the proper measure to be recommended.

Hon. Thomas Ewing stated that the plan of having an Intermediate Court, adopted by the Judiciary Committee, seemed to him to receive advocates through the State than any other plan suggested. He was, however, opposed to it. He thought the State should have two separate and distinct Supreme Courts, one to sit in banc upon all writs of error, and the other to hear appeals in equity and Orphan's Court cases.

A vote was then taken, and the part of the resolution offered by Mr. Sagle, having reference to the Circuit Court, with the amended clause, "or any other Intermediate Court," was unanimously carried. The second part of the resolution, having reference to the plan suggested by Mr. Purviance, was withdrawn.

Mr. George Shiras, Jr., opposed any measure changing the system of the local judiciary. He did not think it necessary to have a special Probate Judge, and the debate soon came up on this Court, consultation by the Judges became necessary, and for that reason the system should remain as it was. He was opposed to having a separate Criminal Court. He thought the Judge selected for that Court would not be of a class beneficial to the community.

Mr. John H. Bailey offered the following resolution, which was afterwards withdrawn.

Resolved, That this meeting recommends that section thirteen be amended by providing for the county of Allegheny one Court of Common Pleas, to be composed of five Judges and of such additional Judges as the Assembly may from time to time provide for by law.

Mr. MacConnell, Sr., member of the Constitutional Convention, desired an expression of opinion as to the appointment of Supreme Court Judges, their time of serving and their eligibility of re-election on the expiration of their term. This caused a somewhat protracted discussion—interesting principally to members of the bar—and at the close the meeting adjourned until to-day at twelve o'clock.

A PECULIAR CASE.

A Man found Bleeding from his Ear on Anderson Street, Allegheny.

Yesterday morning about three o'clock Officer Geary, of the Allegheny police force found an old man lying on Anderson street near the railroad crossing. The man was bleeding quite freely and on being questioned, stated that he was suffering from a rush of blood to the head. The man was in quite an exhausted condition, and the officer with considerable difficulty succeed in bringing him to the lock-up. He appeared to be bleeding only from the right ear. Dr. W. W. Cole, the "Tomb's" physician, was summoned immediately and he responded with alacrity. Cold applications were applied and the man was brought to with great difficulty. He stated to the doctor that when a boy he was once seized with a terrible bleeding at the nose, and was told then by a physician that if it should ever seize him with a similar attack he would in all probability bleed to death. Several days ago, he was annoyed by a constant ringing in the right ear, and has frequently been picking at the ear, and last night inserted the head of a pin in it, which brought on the present attack. An hour had elapsed before the doctor was able to check the profuse flow of blood, which by this time had covered a large space on the floor near the spot where he was lying. By applying a solution of sulphate of iron to the ear he finally checked it.

This case certainly is one of a very peculiar nature and not often met with. The tympanum of the ear seems to have ulcerated and affected the blood vessels thus causing a hemorrhage. The man was taken to his home. He states his name is Robert Hay and resides at No. 28 Ledlie street, where he now lies in a dangerous condition. He is employed as watchman at the Anderson Street crossing.

Twenty cents returned on every dollar at McGrum & Carlisle's great sale.

Friends in Europe.

There are many persons in our community who have friends over the ocean with whom they wish to communicate, (outside of their correspondence) in a business way, and to do this need the services of a reliable European agent. All such, we refer to Mr. Max Schamberg, No. 163 Smithfield street, who has unrivalled facilities for attending to any business in the line of furnishing moneys, by drafts or checks, or exchanges, and can accommodate his patrons by putting them in communication with friends in any city of the Old World. Mr. Schamberg also is the agent for several of the finest ocean lines, and can furnish passage to any person either going or coming at the very lowest rates. The uniform satisfaction he has heretofore given to patrons is the best evidence that he does what he says. His office, No. 168 Smithfield street, is open daily until six o'clock, and on Saturday evenings until eight o'clock, for the accommodation of customers, and he will attend to all promptly and satisfactorily.

Dress Goods Cheap

At M. Mentzer & Son's.

A Year Old.

The very best evidence that the claims of any new enterprise are worthy of respect, is given when the enterprise holds out a year and never those claim been disputed. Such has been the history of the Boston One Price Clothing Store, No. 95 Smithfield street, under the management of Mr. E. A. Rossiter. A year ago it commenced, for the purpose of supplying gentlemen with cheap clothing that should be as good as it was cheap. And for a year this has been done, and there has never been a word of complaint. That's enough to satisfy the most critical.

Fine cut glass goblets and other articles for sideboards at Messrs. Garber & Williams,' No. 189 Liberty street.

Fire! Fire!! Fire!!!

This is an alarming cry at all times, but is doubly so to the man who has been so criminally careless as to neglect taking out a policy of Insurance on his property, when it could have been done with little expense, and with such perfect guarantee in the Teutonia of Allegheny. This company will insure property owners from loss in case of fire, and there is no trouble in securing promptly all that the policy calls for. The office is at 206, East Ohio street, Allegheny.

New Shades of dress goods now on sale at

Jos. W. Spencer's, 95 Market street, formerly McFadden's Jewelry Store.

To Builders.

By paying strict attention to fires that have happened for some time, you will find that three-fourths have occurred by defective flues. We have now on hand fine lining of all sizes made of fire clay, and if properly put in, it will be impossible for fires to occur from flues. Call and see them at James Miller's store, No. 48 Federal street, Allegheny.

BREVITIES.

....To-morrow is Easter Sunday.

....The prize fight at Port Perry proved a fizzle.

....The banks in this city were all closed yesterday.

....A stated meeting of Councils will be held on Monday.

....Egg business is good, and cochineal is in good demand.

....The Tube Works at McKeesport are to be rebuilt immediately.

....The Lenten season now being over, Easter festivities are in order.

....The fire at Arbuckles, it is thought, originated from one of the furnaces on the fourth floor.

....A spot on the bluff above Fifth avenue, near the brewery, seems to be a favored site for the new hospital.

....A Shakespearean reader at Oil City says he wishes the water wasn't so much like Banquo's ghost, and would down.

....M. W. Canning, Esq., is the business manager for Miss Carlotta Ledlerq, who is to appear at the Opera House on Monday evening.

....The Hardware stores in Allegheny will hereafter be closed at seven o'clock, every evening except Saturday, an arrangement of that kind having been mutually agreed upon.

....The seventh annual meeting of the Trustees and contributors of the Homeopathic Hospital and Dispensary will be held at the Hospital next Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

....The alarm of fire from box 41 yesterday afternoon was caused by a slight blaze on the roof on the house 344 Second avenue. The fire was suppressed with a few buckets of water before the arrival of the engines.

....The gas in the Union Depot and Hotel was a failure last night. From some reason it gave out, and candles came into use for a short quance. Much inconvenience was occasioned in consequence to guests and passengers.

....The hearing in the case of Stephen Payne, the alleged counterfeiter, was postponed from yesterday afternoon, and will come off to-day before United States Commissioner McCandless. Payne is still in jail, but is anxious to get out, and offers any bail.

....On Friday night an attempt at burglary was made on the residence of Capt. R. Calhoun, at Georgetown, Beaver county. The thief, however, was frightened off by Mrs. Curtis, who had gone down stairs to get a cup of water for a sick child. Nothing was carried off.

....Some of the property holders on Hiland avenue object to the survey recently made for the purpose of widening the avenue an additional thirteen feet, and think that the surveyors have made a mistake in the starting point at Penn avenue. A new survey is spoken of.

....Mr. W. J. Diehl, who was thrown out of his buggy on Thursday evening, and suffering from the shock sustained, and will be all right again in a day or two—a fact which his friends will be pleased to learn, as it was feared that his injuries were of a more serious character.

....The following is the amount of insurances on the National Tube Works held by Pittsburgh offices: Pittsburgh, $2,600 on stock, and $5,000 on building; Ætnas, $5,000 on building; Citizens, $2,400 on building; Liverpool, London & Globe, $5,000; Birmingham, $5,000; Allemannia, $2,500, and the City, $2,500, all on stock.

....The reports set in circulation by the evening papers yesterday that one of the Mayor's detectives had said he knew where the money, which disappeared from the Safe Deposit Bank, and would secure it for five hundred dollars, is without the slightest foundation, save in the prolific imagination of some reporters.

....The Board of Underwriters have gathered statistics regarding the casualties from the dangerous varieties of carbon oil, during the year 1872, throughout the States which foot up 5,250 deaths and the maiming of nearly 20,000 more. This death list shows an ingrease over 1871 of some 2,000.

....An old man named James Kuykendall was killed at South Branch, West Virginia, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad on Tuesday last. He and a party of friends were crossing the track when the St. Louis express came thundering along, the bumper of the locomotive striking him, throwing him some thirty feet and killing him instantly.

....Of the packages burned, bonds, notes, etc., sought to be destroyed by Thomas Anderson, cashier of the Lumberton Bank, at Franklin, who committed suicide, $110,000 in United States bonds, $80,000 in railroad bonds, and other bands, and a few greenbacks, have been identified by the examiner of the Treasury Department at Washington.

....There is now look-up now, as the roof of the old one has been removed, in order to give place to build the new cells and lock up. The prisoners are confined in Captain Reed's office, where they find very comfortable quarters, and guess it's special guard duty there and see that none escape. The Mayor metes out justice at the old stand till further notice.

....At ten o'clock yesterday morning the roof of the residence of Dr. Walter Lowe, No. 18 Federal street, Allegheny, was discovered to be on fire. It was extinguished without an alarm, before any damage was done. During the excitement a young man attempted to go through the trap door on to the roof, when he slowed on him catching his neck. He was not seriously injured.

....The Literary Society of the South Common M. E. Church held its regular meeting Thursday evening. The programme was very fine, consisting of declamations, essays, orations, and select reading. The music was under the management of Mrs Annie Hatfield. The audience, above one hundred, were well pleased. They added some twenty new names to their roll. This society is under the management of good officers. We wish them unbounded success.

....Considerable scramble is being had among politicians and their friends for the position of Inspector of Gas, just created by Councils. It has been generally reported that the office would be worth from $8,000 to $10,000 to its incumbent, but this is erroneous, as in all probability it will not amount to more than $5,000 or $6,000 the first year. The Governor has the appointment of the office, and he is already besieged with applications for the position by numerous applicants, who press their claims very strongly.

....At a meeting of the City Property Committee the following committee was selected a lot for impounding purposes reported that a lot adjoining the Seventeenth Ward Station House could be obtained, but the question of recommending its purchase was postponed by the committee in order to afford an opportunity of ascertaining precisely the amount of its purchase would be. The committee also ordered a warrant for $880 in favor of the contractors of the new central station.

....An adjourned meeting of the Commissioners for selecting a site for the new Government buildings was held at the Custom House at two P. M., Thursday. The time for receiving proposals having expired, six in all, were opened. Not one of them was in conformity to the advertisement, and therefore were not acted upon definitively. Several of the Commissioners are out of town and it did not appear that all could be got together for two weeks, and they accordingly adjourned to the 28th, when it is hoped all the Commissioners will be present and agree on their joint recommendation. Special intermediate meetings may be called for the purpose of examining sites and preparing diagrams, &c., but final action is not expected, nor is it supposed to be necessary before the 1st of May.

AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE.—Last evening the Lydia Thompson troupe appeared in the burlesque of "Robin Hood" to a perfectly jammed house. The performance passed off with immense satisfaction to all, and the audience well received. To-day at the matinee "Blue Beard" will be repeated, and this evening they close their very successful engagement with "Lurline."

ALMA AMERICAN THEATRE.—The performances that have been given here this week, have filled the house to repletion every night. Everything passes off to satisfaction, and a very agreeable and enjoyable entertainment is given. To-day at half past two o'clock the regular matinee for ladies and children will be given. A good programme is offered for the occasion.

TRIMBLE'S VARIETIES.—The genuine and merited attractions offered here every night continue to fill the house to the large and appreciative audiences. To-day the usual Saturday matinee will be given, with an unusually attractive programme.

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Personal and Otherwise.

BEAVER VALLEY Presbytery will meet in Beaver Falls on the third Tuesday of April (15th inst.)

REV. M. H. CALKINS, of Brownsburg, has received and signified his intention to accept a unanimous call to the Second church of New Castle.

THE choir of St. Paul's Cathedral will be particularly strong to-morrow. The vocalists and the St. Cecelia Band will occupy the musical gallery.

THERE is now but one United Presbyterian church in Allegheny (the Third) without a settled pastor, whereas, about the first of the year, there were four.

MRS. GRAY, wife of John A. Gray, formerly pastor of Christ church, Pittsburgh, died last month at Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. Gray was highly esteemed by her acquaintances in this city.

ALL the new M. E. Ministers recently appointed to the charges in this vicinity have become settled in their new places and so far as we can learn there is general harmony among all the congregations.

IT is said that the Rev. J. W. Bain, who has been called to the pastorate of the Third U. P. Church of Allegheny, by a large majority, declines the call to be unanimous before he can consider its acceptance.

REGULAR Quarterly Communion services will be held in the North avenue M. E. Church tomorrow morning. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Holmes, D. D., will preach an "Easter" sermon appropriate to the occasion.

PREPARATIONS to the Central United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, to-morrow forenoon, by Rev. S. B. McBride. Communion services in the afternoon, commencing at two o'clock. Sermon in the evening by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Johnston.

THE first of a series of scriptural memorial windows, constructed by means of funds, voluntarily contributed by members of the congregation, was placed above the altar of the Sacred Heart in St. Paul's Cathedral, on last Thursday. It is a beautiful piece of art.

THE Rev. W. M. Coleman by appointment of Presbytery will preach under the auspices of the Wylie Avenue Church on Sabbath evening in the large Hall of the Eleventh Ward Public School House at 7½ o'clock. After the service the lately elected elders will be ordained and installed.

THE parishioners and numerous friends of the Rev. Wm. Fulton, pastor of the Fourth United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, will be glad to learn that his health is much improved. He was still at Aiken, South Carolina, at last accounts, and is receiving the attention of a faithful and loving wife.

THE ordination and installation of the Rev. W. H. Knox pastor elect of the Wylie Avenue Church on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., in the evening week, the 21st inst., in the Hall of the Eleventh Ward School House. These occasions condensed after the form of Presbyterian Church proceedings are of more than usual interest.

ON to-morrow afternoon at 3 P. M. the funeral discourse of the Rt. Rev. Wm. Paul Quinn, of the African M. E. Church, will be preached in the Bethel, Arch street, Allegheny, by Rev. H. Thomas, pastor. Subject: "The Faithful Workman and His Success." All are invited.

THE *Methodist Recordar* of this week confesses "to a lack of enthusiasm in the movement which is to culminate in the Convention (the Evangelical Alliance) in New York in October." The *Recordar* says, from present appearances, there will likely be a want of of harmony in three points—Prayer, Praise and the Communion.

TO-MORROW evening the Rev. H. A. Board, man D. D., of Philadelphia, will preach a sermon in the First Presbyterian Church, Second street, before the Sabbath School of the Woodlawn Cemetery Company. The closing exercises of this term, of this institution will be continued next week—the graduating class performing on Wednesday evening in Rev. Dr. Swift's Church, and them on Friday, as before acted upon definitively. Several of the Commissioners are out of town and it did not appear that all could be got together for two weeks, and they accordingly adjourned to the 28th, when it is hoped all the Commissioners will be present and agree on their joint recommendation. Special intermediate meetings may be called for the purpose of examining sites and preparing diagrams, &c., but final action is not expected, nor is it supposed to be necessary before the 1st of May.

AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE.—Last evening the Lydia Thompson troupe appeared in the burlesque of "Robin Hood" to a perfectly jammed house. The performance passed off with immense satisfaction to all, and the audience well received. To-day at the matinee "Blue Beard" will be repeated, and this evening they close their very successful engagement with "Lurline."

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COUNTY POLITICS.

Meeting of the Republican Executive Committee—Arrangements for the State and County Conventions.

A meeting of the Republican County Executive Committee was held yesterday afternoon in the Lincoln Club Rooms, Smithfield street. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. A. H. Gross, whereupon the call was read by the Secretary.

Jacob Reese, Esq., Chairman of the Finance Committee, made a report of receipts and expenditures, which was, on motion, accepted.

On motion of Dr. Gilmore the Chairman and Secretaries were instructed to audit the accounts of the Finance Committee.

The special business of the meeting, was then called, and Mr. B. C. Christy moved the appointment of a committee to consider and report as to the County Conventions to be held. Carried, and Messrs. Christy, Gazzam, Gilmore, Elliott and R. B. Brown were appointed the committee.

Dr. Gilmore and James Onslow, Esq., each offered resolutions touching the matter, which were referred to the committee.

The committee retired and after consultation reported as follows:

Resolved, That the officers of this committee be instructed to call a Convention of Republicans of the county, to be composed of one delegate from each election precinct, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention. That the primaries for the election of delegates to this Convention shall be held, under the party rules, on Saturday, May 3d, 1873, between the hours of four and seven o'clock, P. M., and that the Convention be held on Tuesday, May 6th, 1873, at the Court House. The delegates to be elected to the State Convention shall be apportioned as follows:

One Senatorial delegate, south of rivers.
One Senatorial delegate, between rivers.
One Senatorial delegate, north of rivers.
One Representative delegate from each city Legislative district.
One Representative delegate from district between the rivers, outside of Pittsburgh.
One Representative delegate from Allegheny City.
One Representative delegate from north of rivers outside of Allegheny City.
Two Representative delegates from south of rivers.

Resolved, That the officers of this committee be instructed to call Five Conventions of the Republicans of the county, each Convention to be composed of one delegate from each election precinct, as follows:

1. Judicial.
2. Legislative—State Senator and Assembly.
3. Prothonotary.
4. Treasurer and Coroner.
5. County Commissioner and Director of the Poor; these Conventions to be held in such places in the city of Pittsburgh as the chairman of the committee may designate, on the 3d day of June next, and that the primary elections for delegates to said conventions be held on the 31st day of May next, between the hours of four and seven o'clock, under the usual party rules.

The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Reese, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that he had secured the use of the Lincoln Club Rooms for the Committee for the next two years. Accepted, and on motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the gentleman.

Adjourned.

A Thoroughly Reliable Commission Merchant.

Among the gentlemen engaged in the Iron Commission business hereabouts, is Mr. Henry A. Lavely, whom it gives us especial pleasure to commend to the public as a gentleman in every way worthy of confidence. Mr. Lavely is engaged exclusively in the Sale of Pig Iron, Coke, Blooms, Boards, and has established himself above the Union National Bank, corner of Market street and Fourth avenue. He enjoys a very extensive acquaintance in the trade and has special facilities for the prompt sale of iron, so that all who entrust him with their favors are sure of receiving the best market rates and the quickest returns. Mr. Lavely is a gentlemen whom we can endorse as thoroughly reliable and in every way worthy of patronage. He is the successor to Lavely & Bro., among business men, and we are sure none who entrust him with business will fail to receive the fullest satisfaction.

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Common Sense

will tell any one that a piece of mechanism is the most perfect as it is the most simple—that is, perfect for use. This is the great advantage possessed by the Button Hole and Overseaming Machine. It is so simple that it can be run as well by a child of ordinary intelligence as by an adult. It runs very light and noiseless, and will do any kind of work in all the round of family sewing, and besides several descriptions of fancy work can be done upon it that cannot be done by no other machine. The daily sales of the American are increasing, which is a pretty fair evidence that it has solid merits that need no puffery. The machine is sold on its merits. Call on Mr. James Espy, at No. 178 Liberty street, and inspect the American.

Last evening the Jewish Feast of the Passover commenced and will continue until next Saturday. The ceremonies connected with this feast are intended to commemorate the "passing over" of the houses of the Israelites at the time when the first born of the Egyptians were slain, because of Pharoah's refusal to allow the Israelites to depart from the land of bondage. The observances of the feast, which is kept for three important Jewish feasts—comprises a thorough renovation of the household, the banishment of all leavened bread, the use of Matzoth, a kind of cracker, unleavened, the partaking of a lamb at every Jewish household while gathered around the table in the evening, eating the bitter herbs while recalling the bitter bondage of their ancestors, and in general religious services at the synagog